

**THE JOSEPH SEARS SCHOOL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the Education Committee of**  
**the Board of Education of**  
**Kenilworth School District Number 38, Cook County, Illinois**  
**October 3, 2005**

The Education Committee of the Board of Education of Kenilworth School District Number 38, Cook County, Illinois held a meeting on the 3rd day of October, 2005, at 7:45 a.m., in the Superintendent's Office of The Joseph Sears School, 542 Abbotsford Road, Kenilworth, Illinois. Members present were: Susan Rohrman, Karen Hartman, Joe Seminetta, Tom Wiegand, and Kelley Kalinich.

#### Approval of Minutes of the September 9 meeting

The minutes of the September 9 meeting were approved after the third topic heading was amended to read "Survey Follow-up Discussion" instead of "Miscellaneous."

#### Student Residency Verification

The Committee discussed the policies and practices use to verify student residency. Dr. Kalinich presented the revised Board Policy No. 4310 – Admission and Student Residency for review and comment by the Committee, noting that the Policy was scheduled to be presented for approval at the October 17, 2005 Regular Board of Education Meeting.

#### Goals of the Committee

Committee members discussed the Goals of the Committee including the philosophy/vision of individual members. Background preparation of members was considered and Mrs. Rohrman and Dr. Kalinich agreed to prepare a master list of recommended books for new Committee members. The 2005 – 2006 Areas of Focus pertaining to the Education Committee were also reviewed.

#### Student Interactions (Bullying)

As required by law, it was noted that the Discipline & Ethics Committee would include in its work a review of the discipline policies. Mrs. Rohrman reported that the standards and protocol regarding bullying situations could be considered as outlined in a presentation by John Dominguez, North Shore Academy Intervention Specialist. The Committee reviewed the instructional strategies for conflict resolution noting that it is integrated into the school-wide character education curriculum.

#### Early Childhood

The Committee discussed early childhood education topics. It was agreed that the study of extended day kindergarten should include a focus group. The junior kindergarten registration timeline was examined and it was recommended that registration take place earlier, if possible. Dr. Kalinich informed the Committee that the District is now a

member of the Winnetka Alliance for Early Childhood. Lastly, the Committee agreed to examine orientation and support for students transitioning into kindergarten for the 2006–07 school year and beyond.

#### Professional Growth Committee Update

Dr. Kalinich reported on the work of the Professional Growth Committee, and the series of Learning Lunches planned for faculty and staff throughout the school year.

#### Eighth Grade Testing

The Committee received updated information regarding “trouble shooting” for the eight grade testing administered by New Trier High School in December.

#### 2005 ISAT Review

Dr. Kalinich distributed a summary comparison of our 2005 ISAT scores compared to our 2004 ISAT scores. She will follow up with consultant John Wick for further historic and comparative data and interpretation.

#### Follow-up to *Why Gender Matters*

The Committee discussed appropriate follow-up to a recommendation by a parent that the Board address the issues raised in the book *Why Gender Matters* by Leonard Sax. It was determined we would examine the possibility of establishing a book club format for teachers to study this book and related concepts.

The Committee agreed to postpone to the next meeting a discussion on curriculum focus presentations, faculty profiles, hurricane relief Turkey Trot, and gifted education and support.

The third Tuesday of the month, at 7:45 a.m., was established as the regular meeting date and time of the Committee.

It was agreed that the date of the next Committee meeting would be Tuesday, November 15, 2005, at 7:45 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, Board of Education  
Kenilworth School District No. 38