

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
KENILWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38  
February 12, 2009**

The Education Committee of the Board of Education of Kenilworth School District Number 38, Cook County, Illinois met on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009, at 7:50 a.m., in the Superintendent's Office of The Joseph Sears School, 542 Abbotsford Road, Kenilworth, Illinois. Members present included: Mrs. Susan Rohrman, Mrs. Karen Hartman and Dr. Kelley Kalinich. Members absent included: Mr. Joseph Seminetta and Mr. Michael Tempest. Mrs. Julie Anastos was also present.

1. Review of Meeting Minutes from January 6, 2009 - The minutes were approved as amended.
2. Presentation and Discussion of Curricular and Program Renewals
  - A. World (Foreign) Language - Dr. Kalinich provided an update regarding the recent visit by consultant Marie Davis. She also outlined the planned agenda for the next parent advisory meeting to be held on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Kalinich also noted the conversations she has had with a parent who was disappointed not to be included in the parent advisory committee as she anticipated. The Committee discussed the request and determined that this parent is welcome to have an "auditing" role by attending the remaining meetings, but that she would not formally be added to the parent advisory committee. Dr. Kalinich will follow up with the parent as such. The potential visiting language teacher for the 2009-2010 school year was discussed. It was agreed by everyone that it would best serve the School to postpone this component to the World Language curriculum for review mid-year next school year.
  - B. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills and Gary Marx Presentations - The visit by Gary Marx was reviewed and "next steps" were discussed. Dr. Kalinich suggested that a parent/faculty study group be established to "flush out" the issues and considerations of Gary Marx's research as it applies and impacts Sears School. A request for participants will be included in the *Sears to Home* to solicit participation by parents. We will also explore having Gary Marx return to Sears to conduct a community planning meeting after the study group meets.
  - C. Language Arts and Literature - Dr. Kalinich noted the progress of the curriculum renewal, including the professional development work planned for the week of February 17<sup>th</sup> with consultant Ellin Keene.
  - D. Enrichment Initiatives - Dr. Kalinich noted that Mr. David Brown and Dr. Libby Noell will have feedback to report on the Renzulli program and the master schedule including the use of the Enrichment Time at the March Education Committee meeting.
  - E. Technology - Dr. Kalinich reviewed the timeline anticipated for the technology renewal. Due to the summer and fall construction, it was recommended that the renewal not take place until January 2010.
3. Review and Discussion of Status Reports
  - A. Potential Calendar for 2009-2010 School Year and Parent/Teacher Conferences - Dr. Kalinich noted that she is still awaiting feedback from the construction manager regarding the planned timeline for access back to the classrooms. She will email the Education Committee a draft of the proposed calendar which will include an

- examination of the New Trier Township High School calendar. The calendar approval will be on the February 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting agenda for consideration, as well.
- B. Kasarda Enrollment Report – The Committee reviewed the themes of the recently received enrollment report. It was agreed that the monthly enrollment for the remainder of this year will include the current enrollment, projected enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year, as well as the new projections A, B and C.
  - C. Annual 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Survey – Dr. Kalinich outlined the collaborative plan of the Township Districts to collaborate on the annual survey. It will be implemented electronically for all New Trier students. We will mail/email hard copies to all students who are attending alternate high schools.
  - D. Faculty Book Review – Dr. Kalinich reviewed the book that is currently under study by the faculty entitled *Teaching with the Brain in Mind*. We are partnering with Rush Neurobehavioral Center to conduct four discussion meetings centered around chapters in the book.
  - E. Science Olympiad Competition on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Kalinich noted that the team would be participating in the New Trier competition this school year.
  - F. Evaluation of Social/Emotional Learning Standards – Manners Matrix – Dr. Kalinich informed the Committee that this evaluation instrument would be implemented later this month for all students in grades 3-8 and for all classroom teachers.
  - G. Development of 2009-2010 School Year Master Schedule – Dr. Kalinich noted that the administrative team is in the process of preparing the master schedule. Once a draft is prepared, it will be shared with the Education Committee for review.
  - H. *Go Green* Initiative and Conservation Efforts – Dr. Kalinich outlined the current efforts of the Student Advisory Board and the administrative team. We are working on changing our waste management provider to support these efforts, as well.
  - I. Update Regarding Discipline and Ethics Committee Programs – Dr. Kalinich reviewed the dates for each of the events noted:
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition with 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>
    - Parent to Parent Panel for Grades 5-8 – Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>
    - Bullying Meeting with Faculty and Parents – Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>
4. Review of Communication with Parents and Community Members – The Committee talked about the current status of the Principal Search, as well as comments received from community members about the potential artificial turf field.
  5. Other – Dr. Kalinich reviewed an issue with the participation of the Winnetka Park District in the school district athletic league. It was decided after two years of trying to work with the Winnetka Park District, it has been decided that they will not be allowed to participate in the league unless the team is comprised of Washburne only students. Dr. Kalinich also reviewed her recent meeting with Chief Peterson examining options regarding the drop off/pick up of students. The condition of the Abbotsford Road playground was also reviewed, not the need to replace the playground in the near future.
  6. Next Meeting Date – The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Kenilworth School District No. 38