

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
KENILWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38
March 10, 2009**

The Education Committee of the Board of Education of Kenilworth School District Number 38, Cook County, Illinois met on the 10th day of March 2009, at 5:00 p.m., in the Superintendent's Office of The Joseph Sears School, 542 Abbotsford Road, Kenilworth, Illinois. Member present included: Mrs. Susan Rohrman, Mrs. Karen Hartman, Mr. Joe Seminetta and Dr. Kelley Kalinich. Members absent included Mr. Michael Tempest.

1. Review of Meeting Minutes from February 12, 2009 – The minutes were approved as amended.
2. Presentation and Discussion of Curricular and Program Renewals
 - A. World (Foreign) Language – Dr. Kalinich and Mrs. Rohrman provided an update for the Committee of the progress of the advisory committee discussions and noted the next step will be to pilot some of the integrated instruction in grades 3 and 4.
 - B. 21st Century Skills and Gary Marx Community Discussion – The Committee discussed the next steps for creating the community conversation on what the *Sixteen Trends* means to The Joseph Sears School. Dr. Kalinich will coordinate a date in April or early May for further discussion with the community about the potential impact of the Sixteen Trends on Sears School. A solicitation of interested parents who would like to participate in the community conversation will be included in the April *Sears to Home*.
 - C. Enrichment Initiatives – Renzulli and Enrichment Time – Dr. Kalinich noted that a committee of faculty members has been established to examine the master schedule for the 2009-2010 school year. In this examination, the committee will determine the best model to use for implementation of the enrichment block related not only to Response to Intervention, but also to provide extension activities for students.
 - D. Technology Update and Construction – Dr. Kalinich and Mrs. Hartman talked about the short and long term discussions that are next on the agenda for discussion at the Technology Committee meetings. The review of current technologies and potential refresh technologies will be prioritized for review by the Board of Education. Unless there is a component related to the pending summer 2009 construction, it is probable that there will be limited new technologies added until January 2010, after the construction. There was additional discussion about the use of the filter system and the procedures used to make sure that the websites that are blocked by our filter system, Sonicwall, is regularly monitored.
3. Review and Discussion of Status Reports
 - A. Potential Calendar for 2009-2010 School Year – Dr. Kalinich reviewed the updated draft of the calendar that will be presented to the Board for review at the March 12, 2009, Special meeting. This revised calendar included changes in the Institute Day dates, as well as two traditional holidays serving as student attendance days. An email notification to all District families will be sent after March 12th, as well as inclusion in the April *Sears to Home* and a posting on the District website.
 - B. Textbook Loan Submittal – Dr. Kalinich reviewed the proposed selections from the Textbook Loan list to support the Seventh and Eighth Grade literature selections. These are the grade levels identified by the Illinois State Board of Education. One Committee

- member inquired about the developmental level of one book. Dr. Kalinich will investigate this with Dr. Noell, who coordinated the selections. It was agreed that this item will be included in the consent agenda for the March 16, 2009, Regular Board meeting.
- C. Enrollment Projections and Staffing Needs – Dr. Kalinich reviewed the current enrollment and projections. The Committee discussed possible staffing needs for the 2009-2010 school year.
 - D. Parent/Teacher Conferences – Dr. Kalinich reminded the Committee that the spring Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, March 13, 2009.
 - E. Science Olympiad Competition on Saturday, April 21st – Dr. Kalinich shared that the Science Olympiad team is preparing for their participation at the state level on April 21, 2009. This will be the second year in a row that the team has qualified for the state competition and our fourth year of participation overall.
 - F. Development of 2009-2010 School Year Master Schedule – This was discussed during item 2C.
 - G. Update Regarding Discipline and Ethics Committee Programs
 - 8th Grade Transition with 9th Grade – Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.
 - Parent to Parent Panel for Grades 5-8 – Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.
 - Bullying Meeting with Faculty and Parents – The Parent meeting was held on Friday, February 27, 2009 and Faculty meetings were held on Friday, February 20th and Friday, February 27th.
 - Cyberbullying Presentation – Both the Student (Junior High) and Parent presentations will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 including specialist, Judy Freedman, Scott Meech and our legal counsel, Heidi Katz.
4. Review of Communication with Parents and Community Members – The Board discussed concerns shared by residents regarding the Abbotsford Road drop off and pick up safety. In addition to the potential solution being explored for a drive at the south end of the building, it was suggested to have the crossing guard stop students and have them wait to receive a signal to cross the street before they do so.
 5. Other – There was none.
 6. Next Meeting Date – April 14, 2009 at 7:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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