

Kinnikinnick CCSD No. 131
Board of Education

Committee of the Whole

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 9, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Kinnikinnick School

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Board members Carter, Welch, B. Johnson, Johnson, Tousant, Tomilonus and Young were present. Mr. Hrubby, Mrs. Freedlund and Mrs. Ellis also present.

There was no public comment.

III. New Business

A. Update on Strategic Planning

Mrs. Freedlund provided an update of the team's progress on Phase II of the strategic planning process. At the end of our strategic planning session for Phase I the 70 member team created strategies in the following areas: communication; student support; academic achievement and growth; and health and wellness. The Phase I group brainstormed ideas for the Phase II team to capture the ideas the group had generated over their two day work sessions.

Transitioning to Phase II additional stakeholders were convened to take the ideas of the Phase I team and prioritize no more than two concepts that were first steps toward completion or improvement of the strategy.

Lisa Yaun and I provided training to the sub committee chairpersons to lead their committees to identify the priority specific result for their focus areas in communication; student support; academic achievement and growth; and health and wellness. The sub committees have been working since February to prioritize and create action plans. The team leaders have touched back to the District Office after each meeting so that we can ensure that overlap of strategies can be worked out between committees and that we can infuse the plan with work that is simultaneously occurring as we are extremely sensitive to workload management.

Our goal is to have drafts ready at the end of the month, the sub committees will present to staff and then present to the Board at the end of May for the launch of the plans.

B. Schoolwide Title designation (SC, KS, RMS) (Enclosure #1)

Schoolwide Title waivers would allow the District to utilize Federal grant monies schoolwide throughout SC, KS and RMS for at risk students specifically focused on supporting academic and social emotional programs. A waiver is requested because we are underneath the state's threshold of 40% to automatically qualify for the schoolwide designation. We utilize targeted funds for our preschool programs at Ledgewood. This request also reflects an expansion of Stone Creek school to also be included as we have seen an impact to academic gains since the pandemic. The Board will be asked to approve the waivers in April and then we will request ISBE approval.

C. Technology Long Term Replacement Update (Enclosure #2)

Mrs. Freedlund reviewed the recommended quotes for Chromebook replacements, the addition of interactive projectors grant funded, and preparing for a District phone replacement over the next three summers.

D. Policy Discussion (Enclosure #3)

a. 6:135 AP Accelerated Placement

The draft makes updates to the Accelerated Placement plan due to changes in District assessment tools and additions to our protocol from administrator reflection of the process being utilized this year.

b. 7:60 Residence

The policy update seeks to define residency for special education residential placements outside the boundaries of the school district.

Mrs. Freedlund reviewed the feedback from legal, allowing employees to enroll students in the district where they work. The practice has implications for discrimination, lack of school reimbursement, and increases likelihood of employee/parent conflict with administration. The Board decided to take the advice of legal at this point in time.

Mrs. Freedlund notified the Board that she will be engaging in residency challenges when there is evidence to support that a student is not living within the district boundaries. Appeals can be made to the Board of Education.

c. 5:210 Resignations

New language has been introduced to impose a 30 day deadline for teachers to resign prior to a new school term or the district can choose to report to ISBE for license suspension. The board discussed the necessity of this level of language and intervention. Mrs. Freedlund is checking on the question of discrimination in regard to this policy if it is not implemented for every case. Mrs. Freedlund stated that including language that a 30 day notice is necessary from teachers is in the district's best interest for students, however, would not want license suspension to be automatic.

E. District approval for stipend positions: (Enclosure #4)

- a. Asst. Science Olympiad Coach
- b. Dumbledore's Army
- c. Asst. Director of School Play

The Board reviewed the recommended stipend positions for inclusion in the collective bargaining agreement. There were no questions at this time.

F. Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement Timeline

On April 8th the District will have a webinar on the new insurance proposals. April 14th the draft will be released to employees and on the 16th the teachers are meeting for ratification vote. If the KEA ratifies the contract, the recommendation will be for the Board to ratify the CBA on April 23rd at the Board meeting.

G. Consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1)

The Board moved into closed session at 8:00 PM.

IV. Adjourn

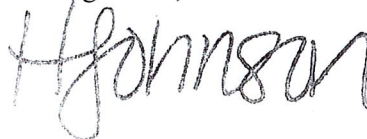
The Board adjourned at 8:26 PM.

NO BOARD ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING. THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS A MEETING TO UPDATE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND HOLD DISCUSSION OF TIMELY TOPICS. THE COMMITTEE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Respectfully submitted,



Craig Carter, President



Heather Johnson, Secretary