

LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Board Workshop
Tuesday, April 8, 2008

NOTE SPECIAL TIME AND LOCATION 3:15 pm – 6:30 pm K-8 LIBRARY

Present: Mark Mansell, Melissa Miller, Don Phillips, Bob Taylor, Cris Yaw, Wendy Chord and Laurie Kansanback
Administrators: Carol Patton, Scott Lincoln, David Cooke, Dan Bentson-Royal, Bonnie Lock and Dave Holmes
Staff: Sharon Bryan, Jeremy Ecklund, John Johnson, Colleen Wing, Andrea Austad, DeWayne Pritchett, Harvey Pust, John Lambert, Jason Grotte, Pam Nesland, Colleen Johnson, Karen Alanko, Perry Calabrese, Julie Smith, Nancy Buhrmester, Sharon Bussler, Heather Yaw, Denise Skufca, Jennifer Matanich, Shirley Barnes, Lynnette Lindblom, Kathy Bounds, Joyce Rose, Rhea Heaton, Kris Sawyer, Sheila Holter, Rebecca Morris, Cathy den Boer, Jenny Martin, Ruth Schrock, Russ Marshall, Liz Crandall, Treasha Reser, Bob Hill, Jim Prather, Rhonda Stoll, Butch Lepak, Bonnie Poffenroth, Julie Campbell, Mary Lynn Henderson, Kristy Schneider, Laurie Cripe, Terri Newman, Lola Nordstrom, Barbara Harmon, Sheila Morken, Mary Solomon, and Sherrie Birgensmith

1. Annual Staff Linkage Meeting: Mrs. Miller opened by asking Mr. Mansell to give a quick overview of the purpose of the meeting. He started by explaining that the Board's Ends policies are their vision for the district. As the elected/appointed representatives of the "owners" of the district (the voters) it is their job to determine the following 3 things:
 - A. What do we want this organization to accomplish for our kids?
 - B. How do we know that is what we want to accomplish?
 - C. How do we know we have accomplished it?

The Board believes the Ends policies represent what we want to accomplish. They hold annual linkage meetings with the community, students and staff as one means of *knowing* the Ends are on track. Then, they hold the superintendent accountable (via, among other things, monitoring reports of the Executive Limitations) for accomplishing the Ends as stated.

After Mr. Mansell's explanation, Mrs. Miller opened the floor up to discussion. Numerous staff members spoke about a variety of things surrounding their view of opportunities and challenges posed by the Ends policies. Some of the topics discussed were:

- D. The need to teach Civics across the curriculum.
- E. How to determine what should leave the curriculum when something is added.
- F. What does "proficient in technology" look like?
- G. How do we infuse technology into the classroom so that it is in the context of something meaningful?
- H. Problems with absenteeism and attitudes about school attendance.
- I. Class size.
- J. Parent education classes around information about resources available in the community.
- K. Need more options for "at-risk" students – especially at a younger than HS age.

Discussions with staff continued until 4:45. At that time the board had dinner and debriefed the linkage meeting. The Board felt very positive about their time with staff. They found all the perspectives shared to be very helpful.

2. Graduation Requirements: Because of time constraints, the board decided to table any further discussion on this topic until their next meeting.

3. ALC Program: Mr. Holmes gave a quick account of discussions he has been having around the current ALC program. He and Mrs. Morris (the ALC teacher) both feel the program needs to be re-vamped and updated to better serve the students of today. He will bring back their ideas in written outline form at a future meeting for board consideration.

Mr. Mansell requested an un-scheduled executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Mrs. Miller adjourned to executive session at 6:35 pm.

The meeting was called back to order at 6:40 pm.

As this was a workshop of the board, no action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

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Board Secretary