



LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**BOARD WORKSHOP
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 14, 2023
HS Library**

Board Members Present: Win Muffett, Eric Lindberg, Craig Whited, Amanda Miller, Dorri Oldham
Board Members Absent:
Superintendent: Peter Rosenkranz
Administrators: Michelle O’Neil, Steve Avery
Staff and Guests: Stephanie Holmes, Sheila Swiderek
Minutes taken by: Tammy Lichliter

Michelle O’Neil, Director of Teaching and Learning, and Instructional Coaches Stephanie Holmes, and Sheila Swiderek presented information about what instructional coaches do and their impact on student learning. The instructional coaches support the teachers by giving them direction on their teaching and showing them how to look at and prioritize student data that they are given to differentiate instruction. Their instruction focuses on core curriculum delivery and also “filling holes” in the instruction wherever they may be. They find that when the teachers learn, they get excited about what they are teaching and it reflects in their instruction. Teachers are surveyed after professional development sessions and are asked to reflect on what they learned from each session. The board participated in an exercise that reflects the learning that is done in a professional development session. The board was asked to write down or illustrate what they thought an instructional coach does and discuss it with a partner.

One board member asked how the public can be informed about the instructional strategies that are being used and the work that is going on to support students. It is important that they know what is being done to help students perform better. A couple of board members replied that the public is informed one at a time. Whenever they get questions about the teaching that goes on in the district, it gives them the opportunity to share this type of information and highlight it in their conversations. Then that person is informed and can share it with others.

The board asked if they could be informed when a teacher goes above and beyond so that they can highlight the work that is being done in the district. They also suggested that emails home about what is being taught in the classroom are very helpful. They also suggested soliciting help from parents to volunteer in the classroom. The board would like to see an open house so that parents can become more familiar with the school and would be more likely to get involved.

At the end of the workshop, the board was asked to write down what they learned from the workshop as part of the exercise at the beginning of the workshop. This reflection provided an insight on what

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teachers do as part of a professional development session.

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

The workshop adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Board Secretary- Peter Rosenkranz

Board Chair – Win Muffett

Board Member-Eric Lindberg

Board Member-Dorri Oldham

Board Member – Craig Whited

Board Member- Amanda Miller