



District-Wide PAC Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, March 14, 2023; 12:00 p.m.

Southwest Area Career and Technical Education Academy (SWCTE)

Committee members present were Superintendent Dr. Marcus Lewton, Mrs. Krissy Kilwein (representing Berg Elementary PAC), Mrs. Stephanie Rogers (representing Roosevelt Elementary PAC), Mrs. Laura Fetting (representing Lincoln Elementary PAC), Mrs. Stacy Kilwein (representing Partners in Parenting and West Dakota Parent and Family Resource Center), Mrs. Jessica Sherman (representing Heart River Elementary PAC), and Mrs. Melissa Wells (representing Jefferson Elementary PAC).

Tour of the SWCTE, Building A – Superintendent Lewton provided committee members with a tour of the Southwest Area Career and Technical Education Building A.

Call to Order –The meeting was called to order by Dr. Lewton at 12:23 p.m.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda Items – There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Approval of the February 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Krissy Kilwein moved to approve the February 14, 2023, meeting minutes. Mrs. Stephanie Rogers seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Business Topics

March 13, 2023, School Board Meeting Agenda – A copy of the agenda from last night’s Board Meeting was distributed to the committee members. Superintendent Lewton highlighted topics from the agenda. The School Board continues to work on its Be Legendary School Board Goals. There is a potential for a Special School Board Meeting towards the end of the month to review the District’s audit and also review a community engagement survey. The District is waiting on Senate Bill 2066 which impacts property taxes before sending out the community survey. There will be a State of the District presentation for the community on March 27 at Dickinson Middle School.

At last night’s Board Meeting, the DPS Foundation presented information on the areas they are supporting students and employees. The Foundation awarded \$47,000 in grants this school year. Dickinson Middle School Principal Francis and Jefferson Elementary Principal Streeter reported on mathematics data for the students in grades 5-8. The Board also approved the superintendent’s evaluation.

Mrs. Stacy Kilwein referenced a discussion at the February meeting where the topic of addressing the elementary space was tabled. She inquired what would happen when a school is full and more students from that attendance area are enrolling. Superintendent Lewton responded the District can place students where there is available space if a school is full. He noted the District wants to work with the families.

Mrs. Jessica Sherman inquired if the District added onto Heart River Elementary, if there is a potential for some rezoning, would there be a grace period for those traveling to a new elementary school. She used an example of a family living in the Prairie Rose Elementary attendance area and placed in Heart River Elementary. Dr. Lewton responded there would be a greater potential for a family to be transferred to a school closer to their home. He reiterated the District works with the families. He added it is the responsibility of the parents to make sure their children arrive at school on time.

District-Wide PAC Gift Selection for DPS Employees – By consensus, the committee identified gifts for the District employees to be distributed during Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week in May.

Inquiries – There were no other inquiries from the committee.

Other – The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at noon at the Professional Learning Lab.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.