



District-Wide PAC Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, November 9, 2021; 12:00 p.m.

Professional Learning Lab

Committee members present were Dr. Marcus Lewton (Interim Superintendent), Mrs. Stacy Kilwein (representing Partners in Parenting), Mrs. Krissy Kilwein (representing Berg Elementary PAC), Mrs. Barbara Shockey (representing Prairie Rose Elementary PAC), and Mrs. Jennifer Braun (representing Heart River Elementary PAC).

Call to Order – Interim Superintendent Lewton called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

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

Approval of the October 11, 2021, Meeting Minutes – Mrs. Krissy Kilwein moved to approve the October 11, 2021, meeting minutes as presented. Mrs. Barbara Shockey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Business Topics

Senior Walk-Through at Elementary Schools – Interim Superintendent Lewton said he had visited with the administrative Cabinet regarding the idea of a senior walk-through at the elementary buildings. The administrators were receptive to the idea. Since Berg Elementary was previously a 6th-grade center, newer senior students would be welcome to have Berg Elementary as their home elementary school. The elementary walk-through event would be the same day as the senior commencement practice.

Mini Food Pantries – Mrs. Braun reported the Heart River Elementary PAC will be adopting the mini food pantry house near that school. Mrs. Shockey reported the Prairie Rose Elementary staff and PAC have adopted the mini house by Redeemer Lutheran for this month. She also reported a new mini house was added at the park near Benedictine Living Community. Mrs. Krissy Kilwein reported the Berg Elementary PAC requested this topic be brought before the student council for consideration.

Mrs. Shockey inquired from Mrs. Stacy Kilwein what time of the year are the pantry items most needed by the families. Mrs. Stacy Kilwein responded it was difficult for families during the fall and winter months when heating costs increase. Many families utilize the DPS Food Pantry located at the Hagen Building. The Amen Food Pantry allows families to utilize their services once or twice a month.

November 8, 2021, School Board Meeting Agenda – Interim Superintendent Lewton reported the student enrollment was up 129 students from a year ago. He also added the District was down 288 students from two years ago.

In his report last night to the Board, Dr. Lewton noted the District will be celebrating American Education Week November 15-19. He also reported that Assistant Superintendent Harris will be drafting a five-year facility management plan. The District levies \$1.6 million to maintain all the District buildings. The five-year plan will help to prioritize the needs of the facilities with very limited funds.

Dr. Lewton explained Heart River Elementary Principal Muffley and Prairie Rose Elementary Principal Weiler and several students from those schools provided a report to the Board regarding social and emotional learning.

The Board authorized the CTE Director, Aaron Anderson, to put out on bids unneeded items at the North Complex/Halliburton building. These items include several large industrial pumps, scrap metal, a canopy to park trucks under, and a ten-ton crane. Dr. Lewton updated the committee members on the CTE grant.

Mrs. Stacy Kilwein asked, out of the number of students enrolled that are new, how many of them previously attended DPS, left the area, and returned. Dr. Lewton would need to research that question.

Mrs. Krissy Kilwein inquired regarding the distribution of paraprofessionals in a building considering the enrollment might be increasing, such as 4th grade at Berg Elementary. She noted there were 29 students in that classroom. Dr. Lewton responded the paraprofessional numbers are constantly reviewed. Some paraprofessionals are assigned to one student due to special services. He added the building principal decides where the paraprofessionals are assigned. Sometimes one paraprofessional may be covering more than one area.

DW PAC Representative on 2022-2023 Calendar Committee – Mrs. Barbara Shockey volunteered to represent the District-wide PAC at the 2022-2023 Calendar Committee.

Other – Mrs. Shockey noted when there was a fire at the middle school, she received a message from the District via phone call, text, and email. However, recently at the end of a school day, when there were three police cars, a fire truck, and an ambulance at the middle school, there was no notification sent to the parents. The students were told to clear the hallways and to leave the school. Mrs. Shockey suggested some form of communication be sent to the DMS parents so the parents know their child/no child was in any type of danger. This would also assist the parents with having a conversation with their middle school child. Even if there was one student with a medical emergency, she felt a generic message could be sent out to the DMS parents. Dr. Lewton responded that the District chose to only provide facts when it could provide facts. He added there was a student with a medical emergency. Several ideas were shared and Dr. Lewton will take those into consideration.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.