



District-Wide PAC Meeting
Central Administration Offices, Board Room

Minutes

Tuesday, March 12, 2019; 12:00 p.m.

Members present: Dr. Shon Hocker (Superintendent), Mrs. Stacy Kilwein (representing Partners in Parenting), Mrs. Kari Sayler (representing Jefferson Elementary PAC), Mrs. Nicole Wald (representing Berg Elementary PAC), Mrs. Alicia Saienga (representing Heart River Elementary PAC), Mrs. Jessica Cron (representing Prairie Rose Elementary PAC), Mrs. Julie Heidecker (representing Roosevelt Elementary PAC), and Mrs. Laurie Strommen (representing Jefferson Elementary PAC).

Call to Order – Superintendent Hocker called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

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

Approval of the February 12, 2019, Meeting Minutes – The February 12 meeting minutes were distributed to the committee. Mrs. Sayler moved to approve the meeting minutes, as presented. Mrs. Strommen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Business Topics

March 11 School Board Meeting Agenda – Superintendent Hocker shared highlights from last night’s Board meeting. Available on the consent agenda last night was a list of numerous students and teachers that were recognized for their great accomplishments in academics and athletics. Dr. Hocker encouraged members to log onto the BoardDocs link for the school board meeting and view the accomplishments.

The superintendent noted Dickinson High School received recognition from the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction as being in the top 10% of all North Dakota public schools with graduating students who are essential skills ready, postsecondary, and workforce ready.

The Board scheduled a Special School Board meeting for Tuesday, March 26. This meeting was scheduled for the Board to formally consider the Dickinson Education Association’s intent to negotiate. The second part of the special meeting will be a discussion of a transportation plan for next school year. Dr. Hocker explained the plan will be to reduce the restricted area and open busing up to more families. Another change to the transportation plan is to assign specific buses to specific schools. This will reduce the amount of time students have to wait to get on the bus and also the amount of time students will ride the bus. The new busing plan would require the District to purchase one additional bus above and beyond what the District had planned for next year.

The Board reviewed and approved recommendations from the District’s Budget Committee. The Budget Committee proposed the hiring for next school year 14 additional certified teachers, four Teachers on Special Assignment as technology integration specialists, and a communications

specialist. Dr. Hocker explained the different areas the communication specialist might target to promote the school district.

Gift Ideas for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week – It has been customary for the District-wide PAC members to select a gift to be provided to each employee during Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week (May 6-10). Previous gift ideas were shared: flash drive, insulated lunch tote with salad shaker, water bottle, sling pack, pen, sticky note holder, and small portfolio. The members selected a gift and two quotes will be received from local companies.

Other - There was a discussion regarding fall registration. Members of the committee would like the registration to be held before the end of the school year instead of in August. They referenced the 5th graders registering for the middle school now and the 8th graders registering for the high school now.

Rumors – The members discussed the online payment portal for lunch accounts. Some schools are linking the family members together which makes it easier for a parent to make a one-time payment to be split amongst their children attending one school.

Superintendent Hocker discussed the upcoming bond referendum for the proposed new high school. It will only have one question on the ballot as the question regarding increasing the bonding capacity was dropped due to information found in 1947 that satisfies this question. Dr. Hocker reminded the committee members there is a public open forum Wednesday night, March 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.