



Dickinson
Public Schools
Empowering All Learners to Succeed
District-Wide PAC Meeting
Minutes

Tuesday, December 10, 2019; 12:00 p.m.

Members present: Dr. Shon Hocker (Superintendent), Mrs. Tavia Kuntz (representing Jefferson Elementary PAC), Mrs. Alicia Saienga (representing Heart River Elementary PAC), Mrs. Krissy Kilwein (representing Berg Elementary PAC), Mrs. Jessica Cron (representing Lincoln Elementary PAC), Mrs. Lenée Bookhardt (representing Dickinson High School PAC), Mrs. Ashley Koch (representing Prairie Rose Elementary PAC), and Mrs. Julie Heidecker (representing Roosevelt Elementary PAC).

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

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda Items – Mrs. Kuntz moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Kilwein seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the November 13, 2019, Meeting Minutes – The November 13 meeting minutes were distributed to the committee. Mrs. Bookhardt moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Saienga seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Business Topics

December 9 School Board Meeting and Workshop Agendas – Superintendent Hocker explained the Board meetings are meetings open to the public. He welcomed committee members to attend. The highlight from last night’s Board meeting was a presentation from the Little People of America to consider changing the mascot. The Board requested the administration receive input. The administration will be surveying the high school students, the community, and maybe the middle school students.

Dr. Hocker said there was a workshop that followed the Board meeting. The workshop was a discussion regarding the high school moving towards an academy model. Also discussed at the workshop was the high school schedule and changing it from four periods a day to more of an A/B block for a schedule. With an A/B block schedule, there would be classes taken Monday, Wednesday, and Friday with alternating classes taken on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The administration was trying to do what was best for student learning and having the students more engaged.

Superintendent Hocker briefly discussed the Superintendent’s Community Advisory Committee. This committee has been discussing concerns at the high school such as overcrowding and discipline. The current high school layout is not ideal for the supervision of students. There is a great deal of congestion in the hallways which creates tension. The District needs to come up with a solution. Some classes are overcrowded with 30 students in the classroom. This is not beneficial for student learning.

Dr. Hocker noted the trend with the enrollment shows the high school will need 27 more classrooms in the next ten years. One portable classroom could cost approximately \$15 million over 10 years. There are concerns about student safety with portable classrooms.

Strategic Planning Sessions – Superintendent Hocker thanked committee members that were volunteering and/or found volunteers to serve for the strategic planning sessions. These sessions will be held on December 17-19.

Other – Committee members discussed how they are getting parents involved at their building level PACs.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.