LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Board Workshop
Tuesday, February 10, 2009
12:30 PM
District Office Conference Room

Present: Mark Mansell, Melissa Miller, Bob Taylor, Wendy Chord, John Parsons, Dave Holmes and Laurie Kansanback

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Miller at 12.30 pm.

1. The board spent the morning in linkage meetings with students from all three buildings. This is an annual meeting in which the board has an opportunity to hear what is on the minds of our students in regard to their learning environments, etc. The following is a re-cap of the conversations with the students by building and in the order they met with the board:
    A. High school students took the time to thank the board for changes that have been made since last year's meeting. They are very appreciative of the chance to express their views and stated that they felt the board and administration did listen to them.
    B. Sex Ed was a serious topic of discussion. Students feel it is the responsibility of the school to offer an educational class on all the "facts" surrounding sexual issues. They do not feel these classes are effective offered on-line but rather require a teacher comfortable with the subject matter available for questions, discussion, etc.
    C. Concerns about Navigation 101 were brought up. Not all students feel it is meeting their needs.
    D. The desire for an advanced ASL class was also brought up.
    E. Elementary students' primary concern focused on the K-8 cafeteria. They have concerns about the nutritional value of the food served, as well as other concerns regarding how the food is prepared.
    F. Middle school students talked about a wide range of subjects. The following is a list of subjects they touched upon:
        i. Sex Ed
        ii. Navigation 101
        iii. Cafeteria Food
        iv. Power School not being updated by teachers on a regular basis
        v. Block scheduling
        vi. Subs' lack of classroom management skills
        vii. Career Exploration needs
        viii. Gym floor not being cleaned regularly
        ix. Access to technology
        x. Leadership opportunities at the high school
        xi. Lockers are in poor shape

2. State Budget Deficit: There was a general discussion about the latest from the state.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

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