LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Notes of Staff Linkage/Minutes of Board Workshop

Tuesday, April 9th, 2013
3:15 PM

K-8 Library

Present: Mark Mansell, John Parsons, Cris Yaw, Todd Jones, Bob Taylor and Wendy Chord
Notes & Minutes taken by: Laurie Kansanback
Administrators: Carol Patton, Lauri Landerholm, David Cooke, Bonnie Lock and Scott Lincoln
Numerous Staff Members

The Board provided a lunch for ALL staff and took the opportunity for Board members to eat lunch in different staff rooms. Staff was very appreciative.

The Board asked for feedback on the Regularly Scheduled Late Student Arrival, asking if in general people found it beneficial. Answers were generally as follows:

1. Elementary staff ranged from hating it to loving it. Some specific comments are listed below:
   A. Too many meetings – on that day, after school – just too many meetings
   B. Would prefer it on Wednesday – it's just too hard to focus on Monday mornings
   C. Really likes it – finally has time to meet with grade band to talk about what they are doing
   D. Wants to go back to early releases so they have a chance to breathe
2. Middle school staff didn't say much one way or the other, except for one clearly expressed Desire to "go back to the way it was".
3. High school staff had very little representation but the person there stated "on behalf of the high school" that they love it and find it VERY valuable. It is time to work together that they don't ever have otherwise.

The next question from the Board was in regard to Technology and the iPads. Comments were as follows:

- Wifi not consistent – portables still do not have any wifi.
- Staff miss computer lab because of connection issues with iPads
- Google Docs isn't supported on computers (Dan stated that this is true)
- The iPads do not have the right software or Apps – no flash drive
- David shared about the Camas model – which is REALLY not good compared to here

The Board asked how many students bring their own devices. Answers were as follows:

- About 1/3 of MS students but there is a problem of mixed messages. MS Admin needs to address this problem and align the handbook with what the district mission is.
- K-2 the answer is NONE

- 3-5 grades is about 15%
- No answer from the HS

The last Board question had to do with TPEP. Comments follow:

- Elementary staff finds it overwhelming
- It seems developmentally inappropriate
- Can feel threatening
- They are too busy to learn about it
- Thinks it looks different at the younger grades – believes it will not be so scary once everyone realizes they are doing many of the things called for already. Time in OLD DOGS group helped some of them understand it better.

Mark shared that he will come around to each building and talk about how evaluations will look this year. He shared that everyone will start at "Proficient" and go from there.

A question was asked about if the Board is planning on building a new school still. The answer is not at this time.

Staff shared that they appreciate the Board very much and love working here. The linkage ended at 4:15 pm.

The workshop convened at 4:20 pm.

1. Debrief of linkage meeting: The Board discussed what they heard about RSLSA, TPEP and Technology. Dr. Mansell stated that he would be seeking feedback from parents on the RSLSA. He will send the 5 step cycle to the Board on TPEP.

   The question was asked if we have the right mix of technology for our technology curriculum. Mark will be looking into these things.

2. Budget Update: The legislature is talking about fully funding transportation, MSOC and Back-filling the 1.9% for certificated staff, among other things. More on this later.

3. Dr. Mansell asked if it would be OK to move the June meeting to June 11th and just have one Meeting as he will be on his Leader Dog ride starting June 15th. The Board agreed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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