LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Board Workshop/Staff Linkage Meeting
Tuesday, April 10, 2012
3:15 – 4:45 K-8 Library

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

This meeting began on time with approximately 56 staff members present (both certificated and classified). The Board opened the discussion to the floor and it became quickly apparent that two main topics were on most everyone's mind.

The first topic was around students and changes that are being noticed in both the students and their families. It feels to staff that they are seeing less participation from parents and more children are having to cope with home situations that are changing. This might be due to divorce, loss of income, primary care giver changes, moving in with relatives, etc. Staff is wondering what they can do to help our students and their families from a school perspective. This is a topic that will need further study and discussion.

The second topic had to do with technology. For staff and students; at school and at home. Many of our staff have iPads and find their new technology isn't always compatible with their older technology. Some discussion was devoted to conversation about the need to "equalize" technological opportunities for our students.

As always, the Board thanked staff for taking the time to share their concerns and thoughts with the Board. They find these conversations invaluable as they go about their work of setting policy and are very appreciative of this opportunity. The Board did discuss possibly expanding their staff linkage to include a fall linkage.

After the linkage meeting, the board shared their thoughts on a regularly scheduled late student arrival. Four of the five were unreservedly in favor of this common learning time for staff and pointed out that almost all districts in our area are doing so with very few (if any) problems. They do feel communication to parents is key. One board member has concerns that this may cause undue hardship on working families.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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