LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Board Annual Linkage with Staff and Board Workshop
Tuesday, April 12, 2011
3:15 – 5:30 PM
K-8 Library

Present: Mark Mansell, Bob Taylor, Wendy Chord, John Parsons, Todd Jones and Cris Yaw
Minutes taken by: Laurie Kansanback
The annual staff linkage began at 3:15 pm with Mr. Taylor introducing Dr. Mansell. Dr. Mansell gave a brief update on the state of the budget and the state funding as we know it right now. Mr. Taylor then asked board members to introduce themselves before asking that staff introduce themselves. Topics discussed at this meeting were as follows:

1. Math across the district: Mr. Jones asked about the math curriculum from a staff perspective. Mr. Johnson (high school math teacher) answered Mr. Jones' questions.
2. Mr. Taylor asked for a perspective on the possibility of a regularly scheduled, late student arrival. The consensus was that collaborative time is definitely needed and will reap rewards for students but the elementary staff expressed a few concerns such as the need to not suck up the time with staff meetings and the concern that if it is in the morning that is the most productive time for most elementary school children. Of course, the flip side of that is research that shows afternoons are much more productive for older students.
3. Shawn Link talked to the Board about the technology needs of the district. The current level of support for the technology we have is inadequate (in her opinion). She feels we do not even have basic functionality of web-based stuff.
4. The request for a place to do art was again raised.
5. There was some discussion about the pathways and graduation requirements.
6. A plea was made on behalf of keeping class sizes small at the elementary level.

Mr. Taylor thanked staff for sharing and expressed gratitude for all they do.

The annual staff linkage meeting ended at approximately 4:20 pm. The Board then took a 10 minute break before beginning their workshop. The workshop began at 4:30. The board debriefed the staff linkage, talked some about the pending state budget and it's possible impacts and adjourned at 5:30.

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

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