LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Board Workshop
Tuesday, May 12, 2009
7:00 PM
District Office Conference Room

NOTE: Dinner was served to Board members as they were requested to attend Student Led Conferences at the high school before the meeting from 4 – 7 pm. This request did not allow time for Board members to eat before the workshop at 7 pm.

Present: Mark Mansell, Melissa Miller, Bob Taylor, Wendy Chord, John Parsons, and Cris Yaw
Minutes taken by: Laurie Kansanback
Administrators Present: Dave Holmes

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Miller at 7:00 pm.

1. Student Led Conferences: During the de-brief of the student led conferences the following observations were made:
   A. It would be very helpful for high school staff to visit the Skills Center as a learning opportunity.
   B. The general sense is that this year's students used less "technology" than last year. Questions around whether this is an access issue or just a personal preference were asked. There probably needs to be more discussion at a leadership level on this.
   C. The board wondered if a more "open format" would be possible next year where they could wander from classroom to classroom. Mr. Holmes will look into that.
   D. Mr. Holmes stated that he is looking at inviting underclassmen to attend senior conferences so they know what to expect in the future.

2. Budget Update: Dr. Mansell shared with the Board that everything appears to be on course for budget reductions as previously thought. Mrs. Miller and other board members shared how pleased they are with how Dr. Mansell has handled the needed reductions in spending. La Center is not suffering any of the negative backlashes that are being experienced in other districts. We feel very fortunate to have the personnel that we have.

   Dr. Mansell took a few minutes to share with the Board about the "lab classroom" idea to offset the loss of staff development days. He also shared about the Washington Leadership Academy that we will be part of this year.

3. High School Showcase – May Board Meeting: Mr. Holmes gave the Board an overview of what to expect later in the month from the high school showcase.

4. Graduation: This is June 6th at 7:00 pm. None of the Board members have a graduating senior so who will hand out diplomas is up in the air at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

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