

LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Board Workshop
Tuesday, October 14, 2008
7:00 PM
High School Library

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

Administrators: Dave Holmes

Guests: Madi Deotsch (Senior Parents), Heather & Megan Wood

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Miller at 7:05 pm.

1. Senior Parents: Madi Deotsch, on behalf of this year's Senior Parents, asked the board for their perspective on possibly changing graduation time in order to accommodate travel to the graduation party destination. Ms. Deotsch explained that she was exploring the possibilities of using the district website for an online survey of Senior Parents regarding this issue. After some discussion during which every board member took an opportunity to express their views on this matter, it was clear that the majority of board members were not in favor of changing graduation times for graduation party plans.
2. Discussions on the following proposed policies:
 - A. Policy 2165 and Procedure 2165P *Home or Hospital Instruction:* This is a policy that was not included when we updated district policies last. It is Mark's recommendation that the board add it back in. After some discussion and some suggested clarifications on the procedure addressing how and who assigns an instructor, the board asked to have this policy and procedure for first reading at October's regular board meeting.
 - B. Policy 2167 *Critically Ill Students:* This is a proposed new policy that would "tie" together other district policies meant to assure support for students facing critical illness or accident. This policy does not address graduation requirements in any way and the question was asked as to whether or not it should. After an emotional and lengthy discussion wherein Heather and Megan Wood expressed their feelings on the subject once more to the board, the board members stated their perspectives on adjusting graduation requirements via this policy. Every board member stated that they were NOT in favor on lowering the standards and that each one felt the accommodations currently in place for those students facing these challenges were sufficient. This policy will also be on October's agenda for first reading.
3. Graduation Requirements Policy & Procedure 2410 & 2410P: The board discussed the possible revision of State requirements for graduation and the idea of going to a "differentiated pathways" format. The board likes the ideas and options being discussed and instructed the superintendent to see that stakeholders are informed of impending changes at the State level.
4. Facility Committee Meeting Update: Mark and Josh Soske updated the board on the recent Facility Committee Meeting. Generally, those ideas and perspectives discussed were:
 - A. Pare down request to a K-2 building that would include lights and fencing for HS football field
 - B. Put the HS Athletic Facility (Bleachers, track, etc.) on an "option B" format
 - C. Consider a Capital Levy
 - D. Run in February?
 - E. Consider "Pod" 10-plex (BG type design)
 - F. Beware of neglecting quality (value for dollar spent)

G. Consider alternative housing strategies instead of bond
Everyone on the committee recognizes the tough economic times the community is going through.
Mark shared enrollment numbers which show only a slight increase in enrollment for this year so far.

The board discussed whether to have community linkage in October, November and/or December along with many other options but finally determined that what they would like to hear about this month is more information on year round school. Mark will provide revised numbers from the Architects on a K-2 building as well as information on how a year round school scenario might look.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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