

St. Louis Park Public Schools  
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting  
Monday, October 8, 2007 7:00 pm  
St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 283 of St. Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota, convened at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 8, 2007, in St. Louis Park Senior High Room 350C. Present were Board Members Nancy Gores, Jerry Timian, Larry Shapiro, Bruce Richardson, Julie Sweitzer and Jim Yarosh, Superintendent Debra Bowers, Assistant Superintendent Bob Laney, Director of Business Services Sandy Salin, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Barbara DeMaster, Director of Student Services Tami Reynolds, and Secretary to the Board Cynthia Hidlebaugh.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Timian seconded by Gores to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0. Superintendent Bowers requested that the Action Item-International Baccalaureate History trip, be moved up on the agenda. Motion by Shapiro and seconded by Gores to amend the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **ACTION AGENDA**

##### International Student Travel

Bruce McLean, high school social studies teacher presented information to the board requesting approval for international travel for students of the International Baccalaureate program to travel to Ecuador in May 2008. They would spend one week at the Global Volunteer's facilities in Ecuador. Michelle Grand, co founder and vice president of Global Volunteers was present to address the board. Students would also attend a sightseeing excursion in addition to the volunteer work.

Assistant Superintendent, Bob Laney, requested that the board table the vote for the International Baccalaureate students traveling to Ecuador to allow more time to discuss the details with the high school administration. Motion by Timian and seconded by Sweitzer to table discussion of the international travel until the October 22, 2007 school board meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **STUDY SESSION TOPICS**

##### Intermediate PYP IB

Intermediate IB coordinators Becky Magnuson (Cedar Manor), Sam Fredrickson (Peter Hobart) and Pat Rice (Aquila) explained the "where we are in place and time" in planning for the expansion of PYP International Baccalaureate to the intermediate level. All four elementary schools have had Application A approved by IBO and are in the implementation phase.

##### Discipline Report Update

Prachee Mukherjee of the District Discipline Committee reviewed information from the Discipline Committee's reports and findings. The District Discipline Committee consists of assistant principals, Corey Maslowski (JH) and Clarence Pollock (SH), principals Shelley Nielsen, (Aquila) and Ann Sullivan (Susan Lindgren), Prachee Mukherjee, District Assessment Coordinator and Tami Reynolds, Director of Special Education. The committee's goals for 2007-08 are to conduct consistent training for the discipline assistants, conduct monthly discussions/trainings at the principals meetings and to conduct a revision process of the student discipline procedures chart. The committee's work continues to work on the goals to obtain accurate data, develop common understandings and increase the level of student engagement in the classroom and school activities.

##### Extended Year and Summer Enrichment Report

Mike Nordean, Targeted Services Principal reported on the Extended Year and Summer School 2007 program, grades 1-8. The criteria for acceptance into Targeted Services in St. Louis Park are teacher recommendations and students performing lower than 40% in a district utilized standardized assessment. Funding comes from Targeted Service dollars at the State level and SLP realized approximately \$13.80 per student in attendance per day.

##### Summer School Credit for Learning, Grades 9-12

Barbara DeMaster, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment presented information to the board on the Summer School Credit for Learning 2007. Credit for learning courses were 3 hours a day, four days per week for five weeks. Students were successful obtaining 109 academic make-up credits for required courses; 74 enrichment credits and 12 credits for participating in Math foundations.

Windmill Energy Project

Michael David, Account Executive from Johnson Controls, Inc. presented information to the board about partnering with JCI in a renewable energy wind farm. The project would provide the school district an opportunity to enter into a joint powers agreement with other school districts to build windmills. Johnson Controls has developed an opportunity that can potentially provide a positive cash flow for the district, while providing learning opportunities for students. The deadline for confirming participation in the windmill project is November 30, 2007.

HVAC Re-commissioning Project

Chuck Corliss, consultant from The Center for Efficient School Operations, presented information to the board on the HVAC Re-commissioning project. This project will be a three-year project, which will evaluate the district's HVAC systems to determine what needs exist within the HVAC systems and indoor air quality. The district has entered into an agreement with the Center for Efficient School Operations as the consultant to perform the project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Timian , seconded by Gores to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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Nancy Gores, Substitute Clerk

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Jim Yarosh, Chair