



Lombard Elementary School District 44

Board Highlights

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.... from the March 8, 2016 Board of Education Meeting

Reports from Superintendent and Leadership Team

The 2016-2017 School calendar was adopted by the Board of Education.

Finance and Facilities

Assistant Superintendent Stec gave an update on the Superintendent's Facilities Advisory Committee. The committee has been divided into three sub-groups to better work on three facets of the facilities: exterior, common areas and classrooms. These committees will meet separately and then come together upon completion.

The board approved the contract for the 2016 roof replacement project at Park View School to Elens & Maichin Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. for the base bid and alternate bid #1 in the amount of \$525,570.

The board also approved the contract for the 2016 roof replacement project at Glenn Westlake Middle School to G.E. Riddiford Company, Inc., for the base bid and alternate bid #2 in the amount of \$891,700.

Assistant Superintendent Stec shared that EBC will be having their renewal meeting March 16th where the final renewal rates will be discussed and shared.

Raptor is now installed in all buildings within the district. We are currently developing procedures for the system.

Teaching and Learning

Assistant Superintendent Spsychalski shared that the K-5 Science Committee met for a full day to learn about the new standards and will begin Stage 1 of the curriculum review cycle with the new standards. The 6-8 grade Science teachers will be presenting the middle school model and recommending resources to the BOE for adoption for the 2016-2017 school year at the April Board meeting. They have completed Stage 2 of the curriculum cycle and began Stage 3 this year, with full implementation in the fall.

The K-5 Math committee will be presenting to the Board in April for the recommendation of new math resources. During County Institute Day, Eureka Math representatives provided professional development to our K-5 teachers focusing on customizing lessons that meet the needs of our students.

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The LA Committee has been evaluating our current literacy initiatives and setting improvement goals as part of Stage 1 of the curriculum review cycle. The 6-8 grade LA Committee has been broken up into 2 separate entities: the Reading Department and the LA Committee due to the current middle school model. The LA Committee received grade level samples of different resources to supplement their current curriculum resources being used during the LA class.

The EL department has just completed the ACCESS testing for the 2015-2016 school year. Results from the test will be available in May, and used to inform instruction for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Beginning in the Fall of 2016, the PE department will be required to use FitnessGram to assess students in the areas of aerobic capacity, body composition, muscular strength, muscular endurance and flexibility. We will be required to report these measures in students grades 5 and 7. We began using this program in grade K-5 earlier this year, so we have added 6-8 for the rest of this school year.

The Joint Committee will be meeting this month to review all assessments for the 2016-2017 school year that teachers will be using to measure student growth.

The Instrumental/Vocal Music benefit sponsored by the Music Parents Association will be hosting the 55th annual Pancake Day from 7:30 am - 12 pm on Saturday, April 9th at Glenn Westlake Middle School. Tickets are a \$5 donation.

Special Services

Director of Special Services Smith shared that planning for the May SIP Day has begun. Special Services staff participated in CASE and ROE led workshops on the County wide Institute Day.

Director Smith also shared a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the services and supports offered in District 44. Included in the presentation was the Continuum of Services and process for review and eligibility for students.

There are two Early Childhood Family Roundtables remaining this school year; one on March 11 and the other on April 8. The roundtables are held at Butterfield School at 8:45 am and 12:45 pm on both dates. The next preschool screening is scheduled for April 22nd. The EC team continues to gather information to apply for the Award of Excellent in Inclusion.

The SEL Committee met the afternoon of February 29th, where members who attended the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) workshop on February 17th shared information from the workshop.

Information Services

Director of Information Services Duell shared a PowerPoint presentation of the District 44 Technology Services Organization Structure and proposal.

The vendor options for the new District and school websites have been narrowed down to two

choices: Edlio and School Messenger.

The Superintendent's Technology Advisory Committee has created a vision statement to help guide their planning for the future of technology in the District. The committee has also surveyed teachers and staff about the effectiveness of the amount and type of devices currently in classroom or with students. The next step is to begin discussing potential models of technology to consider for the future.

Human Resources and Public Relations

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Public Relations Calderin shared that the SOD list will be provided to the union on March 18th as is required by law 75 days prior to the last day of school. Staff will also be receiving their SB7 notification letters, which included their groupings and certifications.

The board of education approved additional staffing for the low incidence program due to the increase of students eligible.

The board of education approved the reduction of force of one (1) part time teacher. In addition they approved tenured, 4th year, 3rd year, 2nd year and 1st year probationary teachers.

The Village of Lombard displayed student artwork on March 3rd.