



Lombard Elementary School District 44

Board Highlights

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.... from the January 12, 2016 Board of Education Meeting

Recognitions

President Simek recognized the Lombard Rotary for their recent coat and winter accessories donations that were shared with 46 students. In addition, they also donated 15 - \$50 gift cards that were distributed to needy families throughout the district. Steve Flint spoke on the Rotarians behalf and shared that this was their 4th year of hosting this project and very proud of its impact.

President Simek also recognized Bill Heniff and Jason Myers, members of the Lombard Lions Club for their recent \$500 donation to the American Vision Center so that 6 students at Madison School could be afforded glasses.

President Simek shared some additional information with the Lions Club and the Rotary about the West Suburban Philanthropic Network. It continues its longstanding tradition of providing guidance, networking opportunities, and education to those who serve nonprofit organizations in the western suburbs. (www.wspnonline.org)

Reports from Superintendent and Leadership Team

Finance and Facilities

Assistant Superintendent Stec shared the district security camera installation is progressing nicely. Only two more schools are left to be installed. Several projects were completed over winter break.

The asbestos abatement at the Highland Hills property was completed by December 10, 2015. The Lombard Fire Department conducted training from December 15-18. We are currently waiting for the local permitting to complete the demolition, anticipated date is January 13.

The entranceways of all buildings are beginning to be labeled and numbered uniformly to assist public safety personnel when responding to a school emergency and also gives a clear direction to all visitors.

The board approved the bid of Krull Window Company to do the 2016 window replacements to Hammerschmidt, Park View and Pleasant Lane Schools.

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Teaching and Learning

Assistant Superintendent Spychalski shared the PARCC DuPage Comparison Scores in relation to ELA and Math in both grades 3-5 and 6-8. District 44 is well above the state average in all grades in ELA. District 44 is also above the state average in all grades in Math.

ISBE returned our compliance visit report with 7 findings that needed to be corrected. Most of the findings pertained to EL records and paperwork, which we have already addressed and corrected. The other two have to do with ensuring that strategies are in place to reach out to parents in the Early Childhood Program and the need to have a certified program director that holds an Administrator endorsement designated to administer TBE and TPI program of 200 or more EL students.

Assistant Superintendent Spychalski also shared a curriculum review cycle that explains the process and how the curriculum is developed.

Special Services

Director of Special Services Smith shared that we have seen some improvement in our Educational Environment Codes in regard to the percent of students spending 80% or more in the general education environment, the majority of our schools are below the 54% threshold by ISBE.

The SEL team will meet on January 28th for a ½ day to develop an SEL implementation plan for the District. The Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) facilitated trainings hosted by the Regional Office of Education is on February 17, 2016. Director Smith has put together a team of administrators, teachers and related services staff to attend this training.

Information Services

Director of Information Services Duell shared that the Gmail transition is almost complete. Gmail went live the evening of December 18th. Gmail tips were sent out during the break, and more advanced Gmail professional development will be offered in the next few months.

The District survey is now closed and we had over 900 families respond. Director Duell will share the results at next month's board meeting.

Human Resources and Public Relations

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Public Relations Calderin shared that his department is currently working on the seniority lists so that they are posted by the February 1st contractual deadline.

The Affordable Care Act Report (ACA), ensuring that individuals are offered the minimum essential coverage at the lowest possible cost has been submitted to the IRS.