

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 23, 2011**

PRESENT:

Committee: Jane Schrader Lynch, Cynthia Mueller and Andrew Pollock

Board Members: Kati Driban and Mark B. Miller

Staff: Gerald Albrecht, Al Catarro, Jenny Cressman, Jeff Czekaj, Mike Devitt, Debra Dougherty, Donna Dunar, Carolyn Fisher, Susie Klenk, Dawn Kremer, Kristine Livezey, Cheryl Lyman, Danene Marchesani, Dolores McAdams, Lisa McCloskey, Rose McKevitt, Khalid Mumin, Kathleen Pisauro, Barbara Poole, Eileen Poroszok, Lee Speiser, Kristen Strait, and Christi Ward

Community: Chuck Kleinschmidt, Robert Montgomery and Robert Shaffer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M by Mrs. Schrader Lynch.

1. Introductions of all in attendance.
2. On a motion by Mrs. Schrader Lynch to approve the minutes from March 28, 2011, seconded by Dr. Pollock, the minutes were approved in a vote 3-0.
3. The Extended Day Kindergarten Team presented a program review. Ms. Danna and Dr. Dunar presented behavioral and academic data that show that the program is successful. Not only are students and parents happy with the Extended-Day Kindergarten Program, students are out-performing their regular kindergarten peers academically. Dr. Pollock expressed that the he would like to see the Extended Program for all kindergarten students. Mrs. Lynch recognized the team for their work. Mrs. Lynch expressed that on behalf of all Centennial families, this program is having positive results. Mr. Miller suggested tracking the EDK students longitudinally to assess their success over time.
4. Student Services Contracts from the Pupil Services Special Education Office were presented for review. Dr. Cressman responded to questions regarding contract issues and will look into some questions for greater clarity.
5. Dr. Devitt presented a report on CSSCA. Dr. Pollock requested to know the average daily attendance rate. Mrs. Lynch asked how we could attract more students to attend this program. During discussion on the topic of study habits, Ms. Driban suggested that Administration collaborate with MBIT regarding digital portfolios. Ms. Driban suggested bringing back our students who attend charter schools. There was discussion of the school

tier system. Dr. Cressman expressed that what distinguishes our CSSCA program is the human element and relevant coursework – a good formula.

6. Dr. Devitt presented “Getting Results” the High School Improvement Plan Report. Mr. Miller pointed out that we are going to have to do more with less in view of the fiscal crisis. On a motion by Mrs. Muller to bring this plan to the Board, seconded by Dr. Pollock, the vote was 3-0.
7. The BCIT Curriculum Renewal Recommendation was presented by the BCTE teachers, grades 6-12. Mrs. McAdams, Mrs. Lyman and Mr. Albrecht demonstrated the course content and skills development alignment. Career awareness, Career Pathways and financial responsibility are included in the content. Dr. Pollock requested to know the status of Technology Education K-5. Ms. Driban raised her concern that we not replicate courses that are offered at MBIT such as CAD. Mr. Czekaj responded to Ms. Driban’s concern explaining that our program does not compare to the MBIT program in which there is a solid occupational foundation. Dr. Pollock requested an update in September. Dr. Cressman added that with the fast paced nature of technology development, we should renew technology education more frequently than the curriculum cycle calls for.
8. Dr. Mumin spoke to the Secondary program. Mrs. Mueller raised her concerns that the high school students will miss class time going on the “journeys” field trips. Also, Mrs. Mueller asserted that the gifted students should spend more time together in collaboration. Ms. Driban voiced her concern that gifted students need more time to process their work together. Mrs. Lynch requested that the Gifted Plan be in writing.
9. Dr. Cressman introduced discussion on the International Baccalaureate Program. This could be a magnet school for the county for possible implementation 2012-2013. Mr. Miller suggested that there could be some pilot money available. Dr. Pollock and Mrs. Lynch expressed reservations due to financial reasons for sustainability. Dr. Cressman suggested that administration conduct a feasibility study. Mrs. Mueller expressed support for the program. Dr. Pollock expressed support for the program educationally. Dr. Pollock reinforced the importance of ADM as it determines funding. On a motion by Mrs. Mueller to take this item out of committee to the administration, seconded by Dr. Pollock; opposed by Mrs. Lynch. The motion carried, 2-1.
10. On a motion by Mrs. Schrader Lynch to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Pollock, the meeting was adjourned in a vote 3-0 at 9:55 p.m.

The next Education Committee meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

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