

November 28, 2011

School Board Education Committee

Centennial Administration Building Board Room

Minutes

PRESENT:

Committee Members: Mrs. Jane Schrader Lynch, Mrs. Cynthia Mueller,
and Dr. Andrew Pollock
Board Members: Mr. Mark B. Miller, Mr. Michael Hartline
Staff: Dr. Cressman, Mrs. Joyce Mundy
Community: Dr. Bart De Corte, Dr. Kirsten Findell,
Mr. Chris Harrington, Ms. JoAnn Perotti,
Mr. Paul Rokuskie, and Mr. Robert A. Shaffer

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

There was an introduction of all in attendance.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of October 26, 2011 by Mrs. Schrader Lynch, seconded by Dr. Pollock, the minutes were approved.

Strategic Planning Overview

Ms. JoAnne Perotti began her strategic planning presentation by giving an update on the plan that is currently in place. She described the process whereby the last committee's dreams, ideas and visions of the School District were turned into action plans. The four main objectives were Achievement/Standards, Diversity, Communication, and Partnerships.

Mr. Miller asked if the current plan is being assessed. Ms. Perotti explained that the mid-point review that took place in 2009 began this process. She further explained that over the next year they will continue to review and examine the current objectives as they begin building the new plan.

The next part of the presentation focused on the new Strategic Planning Process from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. It will move from submitting six different plans to doing one comprehensive plan that aligns to both District and School level planning. It will be in place for three years and embody the components of the former separate plans. Ms. Perotti pointed out how critical the School Board is in developing the plan. It helps to keep administration and the Board focused on a blueprint or map for the future. Dr. Cressman pointed out how fortunate we are to have Ms. Perotti as our resource. She is known for her expertise in Strategic Planning across the tri-state area.

Bridges Presentation

Mr. Chris Harrington who is a partner in the Bridges Program, which is a BCIU collaborative in online learning, presented on the program. He explained that the goal is to help schools build online learning options. Mr. Harrington shared there are over a dozen cyber schools in the Commonwealth, and many students are seeking online options. This program is about providing options for those students, but also to help districts be poised for the future. He explained the services offered, the fee structure, the professional development, and how to begin the path towards offering a district online program. Mrs. Mueller inquired how we were going to utilize this. Mrs. Mundy clarified that this could be an area that we could utilize to expand our CSSCA program to encompass more students than just for credit recovery, but to also include acceleration, work study, and blended day programs. We hope to offer the Cyber students in Centennial an option as well. Mr. Miller asked the committee to remember that there would need to be a great deal of planning before embarking on this. Mrs. Schrader Lynch assured Mr. Miller and the community that we would be very thoughtful in planning this, but we simply wanted to learn more about the program. Parent feedback included two questions regarding class size and electives. Mr. Harrington confirmed that there are maximum numbers for class size and that the program will offer more electives as it expands.

Mrs. Schrader Lynch thanked Mrs. Mueller and Dr. Pollock for their contributions on the committee.

On a motion by Mrs. Schrader Lynch to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Muller, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02.

The next Education Committee meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce A. Mundy
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