

**Independent School District 318**  
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**Strategic Aims: Highest Student Achievement, Safe Environment,**  
**Effective and Efficient Systems, Partnerships**

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**District Shared Decision Council Minutes of June 4, 2007**

Present: Kathy Selmsler, Charlene DeLawyer, Jenny Benes, Harvey Hietala, Bonnie Johnson, Susan Marking.

The meeting was called to order at 12:19 p.m. by Charlene DeLawyer.

**Approval of minutes:** Susan Marking moved, seconded by Kathy Selmer, to approve the minutes of April 16, 2007. Motion carried.

**Review of May 7 Site Team/Goal Setting Day:** Members commented on the May 7 training date and offered suggestions:

- It would be more productive to have less interruptions; save sharing time until after lunch
- Laptops were very helpful; sites left with a nearly completed plan
- ISD 318 should bring their own sound system to Wendigo
- Lots of space to spread out; nice facility
- Lunch was too heavy; dessert and/or chocolate should be available
- Membership and make-up of the site team was discussed at a principals' meeting; wished Joe Silko made a plea at the training for classroom representation from each site.

**Four Blocks Training** has been changed to Thursday, August 23, at the Grand Rapids High School.

**Differentiated Instruction** training will be held July 23 – July 27 at RJEMS. Fifteen ISD 318 teachers will receive a \$375 stipend for their attendance.

**Systems Accountability Survey Review** will be held with the Systems Accountability Committee on Tuesday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m., in the Administrative Services Boardroom. Anyone interested in helping to revise the survey is welcome to attend.

**April 15, 2008 Early Release Date/MCA II Testing:** The morning of April 15 is a mandated test date for grades 10 and 11 statewide. We have planned an early release day for the afternoon. Since the testing is in the morning, it should not conflict with our early release day plans.

**Building Reports/Celebrations:**

Cohasset: A very successful Grandparents Day was held. A fence around the playground area will be installed next year.

Grand Rapids High School: A block schedule was used for the last days of school to allow time for final tests and projects. The goal was to keep students in class and busy. When seniors are dismissed for graduation practice, other students feel free to leave also. Some staff had trouble planning for the increased class period. It was felt the concept was good but staff needed more time to plan. It was also recommended that this idea be utilized for both semesters – not only at year-end.

**Meeting Dates for 07-08:** Meetings have normally been scheduled for the second Mondays of the month and held in Administrative Services Room 135. Due to a reduced budget for next year, discussion occurred about holding after school meetings, skipping some monthly meetings, having principals cover classrooms so teachers could attend without the need to hire substitutes, etc. It was the consensus of the members that the October and February meetings would be held at 3:30. During the other months, it would be helpful if the principal would step in for the elementary staff so they can attend. Classroom representation from each site is critical. The last meeting of the year will be held on May 19 at 3:30.

Meetings dates for 07-08 are September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 10, April 14 and May 19.

### **Indicator Report**

The committee reviewed the draft indicator report and felt the committee's goals are excellent and should be highlighted. Harvey will give a short summary to the School Board also. The newspaper will be running an article on ISD 318's District Shared Decision Committee in the next week.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be **Monday, September 10, at 8:00 a.m., in Administrative Services Room 135.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenifer Benes