

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

District Shared Decision Council Minutes of March 12, 2007

Present: Kathy Selmsler, Charlene DeLawyer, Jenny Benes, Harvey Hietala, Sue Smith, Bonnie Johnson, Susan Marking, Len Rothlisberger

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Charlene DeLawyer.

No items were added to the agenda.

Approval of minutes: Moved by Bonnie Johnson, seconded by Harvey Hietala, to approve the minutes of February 12, 2007. Motion carried.

District Shared Decisions Council Membership: It was the consensus of the committee to have future District Shared Decision Council membership comprised of teachers with the option of allowing for alternates in case one member isn't able to attend. It was also requested that future site team councils' agendas include an update on District Shared Decisions' actions. These two items will also be shared at the May 7 goal setting session.

Early Release Day Plans for March 29: Kathy Selmsler moved to approve the early release days plans submitted for Bigfork, Cohasset, Eagleview, Forest Lake, Murphy, Southwest, Elementary Physical Education, Elementary Music, Robert J. Elkington Middle School, Grand Rapids High School, Grand Rapids Area Learning Center and Itaskin Education Center. Susan Marking seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Staff Development Opportunities: As part of our ongoing partnership with the Kennedy Arts Center, **Lenore Blank Kelner** will be presenting two drama/reading related inservices on Monday March 26, at the Myles Reif Center. The morning session, **Drama across the Curriculum**, is geared toward grades 1 - 6; the afternoon session, **Drama Every Day**, is for grades pre-school – grade 2. There is no registration fee and District 318 subs should be funded to 01-100-216-212-401-145. Contact Jenny Benes at extension 1006 to register.

On June 26, **Marsha Spears**, Staff Development Educators (SDE) speaker, will be hosting an inservice on **Four Blocks** (a way to arrange your reading block time). A full day workshop will be held at the Robert J Elkington Middle School. More information will be distributed soon. Continuing education units (CEUs) are available. The registration fee is \$50 for non-District 318 participants.

Richard Allington, internationally known speaker, will present reading and fluency concepts for grades K-12 at an all-day inservice November 1, in the Blandin Foundation auditorium. Watch for further information; space will go quickly!

Winter 2008 Multi-District Inservice - January 21: Differentiated instruction practices will be presented by Jim Grant and Betty Hollas at our multi-district day next winter.

May 7 Site Team Goal Setting: Site teams will goal set/plan on Monday, May 7, from 8:00 – 3:30. An overview of the day, including the district focus and guidelines, will be given by Joe Silko and Charlene DeLawyer in the Administrative Services Boardroom. Teams will then work on data and set goals for their site based on the district’s mission statement, strategic goals and Year II AYP Plan. Sites are reminded to allow building goal flexibility to meet the needs of music, phy ed and special education specialists. School Board members will also be invited to the opening session. Teams will be allowed to work continuously throughout the day rather than coming back together.
Note: The location for May 7 has been changed to Wendigo Conference Center.

Celebrations/Recognitions: Charlene DeLawyer has shared Rich Derby’s recognition information with Marie Nitke for a future article. Suggestions for future recognitions included a site team leader, project leader, and May 7 goal setting day. It was suggested that the Herald Review be invited to the May 7 planning day to recognize all sites, take pictures and publicize the district’s activities. If a reporter is not available, we will take our own pictures and submit the information.

District Update: All day/every day kindergarten program ideas were shared. To best serve students, it’s necessary to catch children as early as possible. Variations to all day/every day kindergarten programming include providing half-time kindergarten for a period of time and then holding all day/ every day kindergarten nine weeks after the beginning of school or at semester break. A survey will be sent out to parents of kindergarten eligible students this week for their input.

The School Board is looking at the possibility of holding an **operating referendum**. A consultant will help them determine what is needed from the public’s standpoint to have a successful referendum.

On Tuesday, the middle school is hosting Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) in the School. This national project is undertaken by the Chamber of Commerce. As a requirement of the project, the event will be video taped for students who are absent so they don’t miss this important project. This could be a future recognition/celebration item to recognize partnerships.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Our next meeting is **Monday, April 16, at 8:00 a.m., in Administrative Services Room 135.**

Agenda items include:

- Minutes of March 12
- May site team goal setting
- Review of March 29 Early Release Day
- School Board Progress Report on 06-07 Early Release Days
- Building reports/celebrations
- other items

Respectfully submitted,

Jenifer Benes