

**KILDEER COUNTRYSIDE  
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 96  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
Minutes for October 3, 2017**

**Call To Order**

Mr. Tepper called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. in the learning center of Twin Groves Middle School.

**Roll Call**

Present: Jim Strzewski, Meg Woodman, Renee Klass, Michael Burns, Cynthia Zarkowsky, Liz Dietz and  
Marc Tepper

Absent: None

President Tepper determined that the members present constituted a quorum.

**Welcome to Visitors**

Mr. Tepper welcomed members of the faculty, community, and press and asked if anyone wished to address the Board. No one responded. Jason Keenon led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the audience introduced themselves. Mrs. Schmidt congratulated Prairie on their recent achievement of a 2017 National Blue Ribbon Schools Award. Dr. Pfaff and a teacher will travel to Washington, DC in November to receive their award, which will be followed by a celebration for the Prairie School community.

**Administrative Reports**

**Middle School Schedule Update**

Mrs. Spiller introduced the middle school administrative staff to update the Board members on how the implementation of the middle school Flex Period has gone. She added that members of parent Review Committee had a lot of positive feedback during their last meeting. Mrs. Schmidt reported she had visited 2 Flex Periods so far and found the students highly engaged.

Mrs. Barnes reported the students are now accustomed to the A/B schedule and it was an easy transition for them. Students are not missing exploratory classes due to interventions with the new Flex Period. Teachers also like the new schedule because it allows them to provide Just-In-Time interventions and extensions for students. The Flex Period is divided into two 20-minute periods. The students can receive intervention/extension for either of the 20-minute periods, one of the periods, or neither of the periods. If the students are not in an intervention/extension, they are working on their Genius Hour project. The Flex Period schedule is posted weekly so the students know where they are supposed to be and there has not been any issue with attendance.

Mrs. Barnes stated the Genius Hour projects are amazing. The students are enjoying the projects and really working hard on them. Students follow an outline, *Starting a New Genius Hour Project*, which helps them plan and implement their project. Teachers follow the students' outline online and sign off on the various stages of the project. A project can take anywhere from a minimum of 3 weeks to an entire trimester. When students have completed their project, teachers work with them to present the project. Many times, the completion of one project leads the students to begin another.

Principals and the Flex committee are working on the development of more options to offer for Flex in Trimester II and III, but so far the Genius Hour has been very successful.

### PARCC Results

Mrs. Spiller shared the 2017 PARCC results adding that the 2016 and 2017 scores were comparable. There are 5 performance levels:

- 1: Did not yet meet expectations
- 2: Partially met expectations
- 3: Approached expectations
- 4: Met expectations
- 5: Exceeded expectations

Students in grades 3 - 8 are tested in Math and English Language Arts/Literacy (reading & writing). At every grade level in every category, District 96 scores far surpassed those of the state of Illinois and the District is ranked in the top 5% of the state.

Grade level	Percent of IL students that met or exceeded expectations in MATH	Percent of D96 students that met or exceeded expectations in MATH	Percent of IL students that met or exceeded expectations in ENG/LA LITERACY	Percent of D96 students that met or exceeded expectations in ENG/LA LITERACY
3	39	79	36	72
4	31	72	37	72
5	30	65	37	76
6	28	72	35	78
7	27	69	40	81
8	32	68	37	68

The PARCC scores provide data on each student and helps teachers instructionally as they align curriculum to meet each student's needs. When used with ECRA, the data will allow the District to predict how students will score in the future. District 96 has worked incredibly hard to maintain a rigorous program that meets the Common Core standards, which has led to the significantly higher than average scores.

The PARCC consortium across the nation has been dwindling and the PARCC consortium is running out of funding. Other states have had a hard time aligning their curriculum to the rigor of the common core standards, leading them to drop out of PARCC and develop their own assessments. PARCC has also not met its promise of providing both summative and formative assessments. Illinois will issue an RFP for an assessment that has both of these pieces, and while the state may not have the funding necessary, private interest groups might be willing to provide it giving them an influence over the assessment.

### **Priority Items for Consideration and/or Action**

Executive Session – None at this time.

### **Action Items**

#### **Employment, Appointment and Dismissal – Certified Staff**

Resignation – None at this time.

Employment – None at this time

#### **Addition to Staffing Plan**

A motion was presented by Mr. Strezewski and seconded by Mrs. Klass to approve an additional 1.0 FTE Early Childhood section at Willow Grove Early Learning Center to meet the needs of incoming students. On a roll call vote the motion carried:

Aye: Strezewski, Woodman, Klass, Burns, Zarkowsky, Dietz, Burns and Tepper

#### **Employment, Appointment and Dismissal – Educational Support Personnel**

##### **Recommendations for Employment, Appointment and Dismissal**

A motion was presented by Mrs. Zarkowsky and seconded by Mrs. Woodman to approve the revised memo presented by Dr. Dalton for the employment, appointment and dismissal of certain educational support personnel as amended. All members present voted Aye, the motion carried.

##### **Unpaid Leave of Absence Requests**

A motion was presented by Mr. Strezewski and seconded by Mrs. Klass to approve nine (9) days of unpaid leave for Vinita Naik as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. All members present voted Aye, the motion carried.

A motion was presented by Mrs. Zarkowsky and seconded by Mr. Strezewski to approve two (2) days of unpaid leave for Jennifer Grimmer as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. All members present voted Aye, the motion carried.

#### **Addition to Staffing Plan**

A motion was presented by Ms. Dietz and seconded by Mrs. Woodman to approve an additional 1.0 FTE Early Childhood aide support at Willow Grove Early Learning Center to meet the needs of incoming students. On a roll call vote the motion carried:

Aye: Dietz, Strezewski, Woodman, Klass, Burns, Zarkowsky and Tepper

Nay: None

### **Discussion**

#### **Board/Administrative Retreat Planning**

The Board/Administrative Retreat is scheduled for Friday, November 17, 2017 in conjunction with the Joint Annual Conference. Board members directed the administration to proceed with planning for Retreat work related to values, using DeEtta Jones as facilitator. This work will lead to a community focus group in the future.

**Information Items**

Lake Division Dinner – October 11, 2017

The IASB Lake Division meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Libertyville-Mundelein. Interested Board members have been registered to attend.

IASB/IASA/IASBO Fall Conference – November 17-19, 2017

The Joint Annual Conference will be held November 17-19, 2017. All board members have been registered to attend. STR Architects have earned an Honorable Mention in the category of Excellence in Educational Environment Design for their work at Willow Grove Early Learning Center from the IASB. Photos of Willow Grove will be on display at the conference.

**Board Comments**

Mr. Tepper asked Board members to submit any comments or questions on the IASB resolutions to his attention. He will take those submissions to the annual legislative meeting in his role as IASB representative for Kildeer District 96.

**Adjournment**

With no further business before the Board of Education, a motion was presented by Mrs. Zarkowsky and seconded by Mr. Burns to adjourn the meeting. On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Zarkowsky, Dietz, Strezewski, Woodman, Klass, Burns and Tepper

Nay: None

President Tepper adjourned the October 3, 2017 regularly scheduled meeting of the Kildeer Countryside Community Consolidated School District 96 Board of Education at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be October 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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Date Minutes Approved

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

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