



## District 38 "Board Briefs" for the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2014

*The information below summarizes highlights from the District 38 Board of Education meeting held on Monday, June 16, 2014. As always, the community is welcome and encouraged to attend Board Meetings or, for your convenience, watch them streaming live. In addition, the meetings are taped and posted to the website within 24 hours for viewing at a later date. Finally, the Board posts to the website its Agendas 48 hours in advance of meetings, Board packets prior to each meeting and Board Minutes once approved.*

### Administrative Reports

- **Superintendent's Report** - Dr. Kalinich highlighted the projected enrollment numbers for each grade level with particular emphasis on the current numbers for Kindergarten (39 students at 2 class sections) and Fourth Grade (67 students at 4 class sections). Dr. Kalinich noted that the enrollment numbers are monitored throughout the summer for all grade levels. If the numbers warrant, a change in class sections will be made. Dr. Kalinich also noted that the District was notified of receiving our e-Rate grant funding, allowing for approximately 30% of technology costs, including phone service to be offset by this annual grant.
- **Principal's Report** - Mrs. Wallace presented her [entry plan](#), highlighting the various individuals and groups with whom she has met to learn about The Joseph Sears School. She reviewed the work she has planned for the summer, as well as her plan to address the goals identified for the 2014-2015 school year. The Board encouraged her to provide constructive feedback throughout the school year with her "new set of eyes", including providing input in the development of the Strategic Plan.
- **Director of Student Services Report** - Ms. Jones provided an update on the initial work completed with the renewal of the Gifted services model. She noted that the committee will meet throughout the summer, allowing for any immediate changes to be in place for the start of the 2014-2015 school year. She also reviewed the type of data that is gleaned on student performance via the AIMSWeb assessment. Members of the Education Committee commented on the outstanding presentation at their recent meeting on the topic of Response to Intervention (RTI) and suggested ways that the presentation could be made to the full Board and community.

### Board Action

- **Consent Agenda** - The Board unanimously moved to approve the Consent Agenda that included Regular Meeting minutes from May 19, 2014; financial reports, authorization to destroy closed session recordings from January 2013; resolution to adopt the 2014 Prevailing Wage Rates; authorization for Bill Reviewer to approve payment of accounts payable for summer 2014; employee action to approve termination, 12-month salary increases, and a family medical leave request; distribution of student information for Annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.; revisions to Board policies related to Harassment of Students Prohibited and Prevention of Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment; and acceptance of Allocation Donation from the Joseph Sears School Parents' Volunteer Association (JSSPVA).



## Board Discussion

- **Student Drop Off and Pick Up Safety** – The Board reviewed the current concerns regarding the safety of students who are driven to and from school to be dropped off and picked up in front of the School. Various options were discussed including a potential change in traffic flow, expanding the drop off/pick up area, as well as providing incentives to students who walk or ride their bike/scooter. The discussion also included providing specific direction and information to parents on the drop off/pick up, as well as safety expectations of the District. It is expected that a solution, at least for the short term, will be in place for the start of the 2014-2015 school year.
- **Review of Annual Report Draft** – The Board reviewed the proposed Annual Report draft, making comments for suggestions to be considered in the final report. Discussion occurred regarding the need for a mailed, hard copy vs. electronic version to be distributed to the entire Kenilworth School District community. The Communication Committee noted that the more senior members of the community have consistently advocated to receive a hard copy of such publications and as such, it was recommended to continue sending the Annual Report to each home. It was noted that the Annual Report would be ready for distribution in July 2014.

## Public Comment

- Comments were made affirming the need to address the traffic flow before and after school on Abbotsford Road, especially during inclement weather; involving and presenting the information to the community, as well as considering how other schools manage the pick-up and drop off of students.

**Questions** --Please direct your questions or comments to the Kenilworth School District No. 38 **Sounding Board**. All messages are sent to the Superintendent and the Board of Education Members. We are listening and you can communicate with us by sending an email to [listen@kenilworth38.org](mailto:listen@kenilworth38.org). We ask that you do not reply directly to this email because such replies cannot be answered.

Thank you!  
Tim Kollar, Board President