

# Kenilworth School District No. 38

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF KENILWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

April 9, 2015

The Education Committee of the Board of Education of Kenilworth School District No. 38, Cook County, Illinois, met on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015, at 1:15 p.m., in Faculty Conference Room 119 of The Joseph Sears School, 542 Abbotsford Road, Kenilworth, Illinois. Members present included: Mrs. Suzanne Nelson, Mrs. Stacey Van Metre, Mrs. Betsy Moerschel, Superintendent Dr. Kelley Kalinich, Mrs. Kendra Wallace, Ms. Julia Jones, Mr. Chike Erokwu, Mrs. Michele Kane and faculty members Toulia Sideris, Allison Lopuszynski and Liz Gordon.

**Review of Minutes from March 3, 2015** – The Education Committee discussed minor spelling and grammar changes before approving the minutes as amended.

**Public Comment** – Joseph Sears School parent Michele Kane addressed the Education Committee during public comment. Kane asked the committee to reconsider the master schedule outline as it relates to the lunch hour. Kane made several suggestions related to the foreign language programs.

Principal Kendra Wallace and committee members discuss how administrators are in the process of finalizing details on the staggered lunch periods. Wallace said teachers already fit recess into their schedules internally.

**Review of Strategic Plan Curriculum Action Items** – Ms. Julia Jones gave a presentation to the committee on aspects of social emotional learning and how they are implemented through the district.

Committee members discussed social emotional learning in the context of cyberbullying. Wallace said the district will consider implementing a yearlong unit on technology, bullying and social media – suggestions committee members said could become part of the strategic plan.

Jones said administrators have been in contact with an expert speaker on sexual assault who will guide students through Erin's Law – an age-appropriate sexual assault abuse prevention program. Jones noted there is need for consistency regarding the implementation of SEL among educators in all grade levels. She said she hopes instructional teachers can learn the same SEL principles and language as classroom teachers through professional development.

Jones said identification for academically advanced students and those who require intervention will take place in the spring before the start of the academic year. Identification previously took place in the fall.

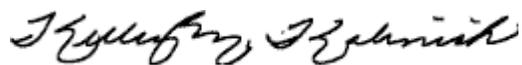
Jones said evaluating the strategic plan as it relates to student services can be difficult as many areas of the plan are intertwined or need to be applied consistently. The committee discussed the idea of how data is applied into developing curriculum.

Mrs. Wallace briefly updated the committee on changes in curriculum. She said teachers in multiple grade levels have approached her as to how to improve reading and writing instruction. She said she has consulted an expert to guide the evaluation and assessment process as it relates to English language arts development. Mrs. Wallace discussed potential modifications as to how the school offers Latin. Wallace briefly talked about the 2015-2016 academic calendar, noting the topic and others related to curriculum will be discussed in more detail at the next education committee meeting.

**Set Next Meeting Date** – The next Education Committee meeting was set for Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at 1 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



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