

## DOWNERS GROVE GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 58

### MEET & CONFER STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING

March 2, 2017

The Meet & Confer Strategic Plan Committee met on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. at Longfellow Center.

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 a.m.

#### **Present**

Elizabeth Sigale, David Bein, Kari Cremascoli, James Eichmiller, Erin Guth, Megan Hewitt, Jason Lynde (alternate/arrived at 7:06 a.m.), Carin Novak, Pam Osika (ex officio), Jill Samonte (alternate), Justin Sisul, Barb Svitak, Linda Vanacora, Kim Venzon, and Kristen Ward.

Also in attendance was visitor Jennifer Haselhorst, Susan Helsdon, and Darren Hughes.

#### **Absent**

Doug Purcell, Karl Berg, Matt Durbala, Emily Honn, Katie Hurckes, Kate Nickell, Julie Quinlan, Marcia Radja (alternate), Bill Riban (alternate), Julie Ryan (alternate), Angie Rybarczyk, Andrew Schmidt, Jason Suchy (alternate), Jayne Yudzentis.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

David Bein moved and Kim Venzon seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

#### **Discussion of Annual Report and Progress Related to Technology for Teaching and Learning**

James Eichmiller, Director of Innovative Technology and Learning, gave a brief presentation to the Committee. Members had been provided with Annual Reports outlining progress related to Technology and Teaching & Learning over the past several years as well as survey results evaluating the 1:1 pilot program in 2014 and 2015. Committee members and visitors were split into small groups and given an opportunity to talk about the Annual Reports and discuss the survey results. Groups were asked to consider the following:

1. What are your overall impressions and reflections?
2. What are the most significant accomplishments of District 58 in this area over the past 8 years?
3. As we begin to organize for our upcoming strategic planning efforts, what needs exist moving forward that may benefit from additional exploration and feedback from stakeholders during the Strategic Planning process?

James Eichmiller and Kristin Ward acted as facilitators.

## **Discussion**

The Committee returned to one large group and shared their thoughts.

1. What are your overall impressions and reflections?
  - a. iPads are useful tools providing opportunities for practice and review.
  - b. How can we better educate parents on how iPads are being used?
  - c. How can we ensure consistency among schools/teachers?
  - d. What are we using the iPads for? Practice and Review? Integrated into instruction? Creation?
    - i. Allowing students to demonstrate learning
    - ii. Quickly connected to parents
  - e. How do we embed STEM tools into our curriculum?
  - f. Revisit BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)
  - g. Who is providing support? Instructional support? Software/Hardware support?
  - h. District 58 has made significant progress over the course of a few years.
  - i. How is technology being incorporated into the school day at the middle school level? Consider Exploratory classes.
  
2. What are the most significant accomplishments of District 58 in this area over the past 8 years?
  - a. 1:1 implementation
  - b. Supplementary learning opportunities
  - c. Digital Citizenship
  - d. Student/Teacher comfort with technology - Shared Learning
  - e. Resources and information are readily available for students
  - f. Differentiation
  - g. Teacher professional development and learning
  
3. As we begin to organize for our upcoming strategic planning efforts, what needs exist moving forward that may benefit from additional exploration and feedback from stakeholders during the Strategic Planning process?
  - a. Parent education and communication
  - b. Learning for accuracy, not speed
  - c. Connections with D99
  - e. Integrate STEM & Technology Education

Carin Novak left the meeting at 7:40 a.m.

## **Strategic Plan Timeline**

A draft Potential Strategic Planning Timeline was distributed.

### **Next Steps**

Committee members were asked to review the 2014 and 2015 surveys. Consideration should be given as to what questions to ask in a technology survey and input regarding strategic planning. Suggestions and comments should be emailed to James Eichmiller at jeichmiller@dg58.org -- preferably by March 23rd.

Looking ahead to the April MCSP Committee meeting, first on the agenda will be the Draft Strategic Planning Timeline. School Finance / Facilities will also be placed on the April agenda.

### **Reception of Visitors**

No comments were made at this time.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 a.m.