

## **DOWNERS GROVE GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 58**

### **DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM COMMITTEE MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 21, 2022**

The District Leadership Team (DLT) met on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 3:45 p.m. at O'Neill Middle School.

#### **Call to Order**

Kirat Doshi called the meeting to order at 3:51 p.m.

#### **Present**

Co-Chair Kirat Doshi, Todd Drafall, Megan Hewitt, Katie Hurckes, Melissa Jerves, Ami Johansen, Jason Lynde, Lisa Niforatos, Katie Novosel, Kevin Russell, Justin Sisul, Craig Young, and Jayne Yudzentis.

#### **Absent**

Tracy Weiner, Matt Durbala, Erin Menet, Jason Suchy.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Todd Drafall moved and Katie Novosel seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

#### **December 2022 Progress Update**

Dr. Russell shared that, due to the successful passage of the building referendum, the District Leadership Team may meet more often to serve as one of the groups reviewing design decisions before presenting them to the Board.

Justin Sisul reported on Goal 1. The Curriculum Council met recently and is observing the ELA Committee's work, as well as considering ways to increase parent education opportunities across the District. The Council is also prioritizing which draft Key Performance Indicators to focus on next; SEL and either Collaboration or Critical Thinking are preferred.

The Professional Learning Council will continue to plan upcoming Teacher Institute Days. It recently reviewed feedback on professional learning opportunities, which has been significantly positive.

Megan Hewitt reported on Goal 2. Fall 2022 recruitment for new members for strategic plan and board committees has been completed. Over 50 new members were placed in various committees. The Superintendent's Community Advisory Council, which has parent representatives from each school, will meet next week to begin to provide referendum and strategic planning feedback.

Kevin Russell and Todd Drafall reported on Goal 3. Dr. Russell shared that the footings have been poured for the Village's new shared administrative center. The project is on schedule for completion in the first quarter of 2024. District 58 administration expects to move in during the third quarter of 2024.

Todd Drafall reported that the District is in the financing phase of the \$179 million referendum project, which the community passed in November. The District is expected to maintain its current bond rating from Moody's and Standard and Poor's. Meetings have been scheduled with architect Wight & Co. and construction management firm Bulley & Andrews to begin planning and projections. Due to the time needed for design and public bidding, summer 2023 will not see much referendum work. However, the District plans to complete playground work at several sites.

Staff and the community will be invited to participate in visioning sessions on several aspects of the referendum construction project over the next two years before designs are finalized. User groups will also be consulted for specific design decisions that directly affect them (e.g. P.E. teachers regarding gym design or science teachers regarding science lab set up).

Because the referendum passed, the District hopes to use funds that might have been needed for capital projects to transition to full-day kindergarten. While implementation is targeted for the 2023-24 school year, it could be a two-year process depending on available funds.

### **Strategic Planning Timeline**

The current strategic plan is set to expire at the end of this school year. Dr. Russell outlined a tentative timeline for the creation of the next strategic plan, which would include creating and sending out an RFP to select a consultant, surveying the community and staff, identifying key areas of focus with the Board, meeting with community groups to identify areas of focus, and finalizing the new plan.

### **Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

### **Adjourn**

Craig Young moved and Katie Hurckes seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.