

# DOWNERS GROVE GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 58

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 27, 2019

The Legislative Committee met on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Administrative Service Center.

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

### **Present**

Chair Kirat Doshi, Elizabeth Sigale, Kathy Catalani, Mike Ghawaly, Emily Hanlon, Katie Hannigan, Megan Hewitt, Lisa Niforatos, Michelle Rzepka, Bill Riban and Bruce Swanson, and Melissa Jerves (non-member).

### **Absent**

Gwen Box, Jim Cagle, Kari Cremascoli, Laura Duffy, Dan Gilbert, Emily Hanlon, Geoff Neustadt, Jason Suchy.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

Kathy Catalani moved and Elizabeth Sigale seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

### **3. Legislative Breakfast**

Four state legislators plan to attend; still waiting for responses from U.S. Reps. Foster and Casten. The committee reviewed the verbiage of draft questions for legislators. In particular, consensus was to reframe the question about unfunded mandates to instead discuss state-dictated educational practices versus local control in an under-funded educational environment. Megan Hewitt will revise the questions accordingly. The committee also revised the order of the questions. All committee members are willing to ask questions; Megan Hewitt will assign them.

The committee also discussed student participation at the Breakfast. Student Council members will introduce the legislators. Though the stage is unavailable for the full orchestra, a smaller ensemble (instrumental or choral) will be asked to provide music.

### **4. Legislative Update**

Committee members are receiving legislative updates from LEND via email. The IASB website is also a good resource. There is a lot of new legislation introduced, but it is early in the process.

**5. PTA Communications**

Nothing to report.

**6. IEA/NEA Concerns**

Kathy Catalani gave an update regarding the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019, proposed legislation to limit guns in schools.

**7. Reception of Visitors**

No visitors attended the meeting.

**8. Report for Board meeting**

Kirat Doshi will report at the March 11, 2019 board meeting.

**9. Adjournment**

Bruce Swanson moved and Katie Hannigan seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.