

**THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 67**

Title: Education Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2014

Time: 8:15 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

Location: West Campus, Seminar A

Participants: Beth Clemmensen, Jeff Folker, Lesley Fisher, Lauren Grieve, Sridhar Krishnaswamy, Lauren Fagel.

Administration Present: Michael Simeck, Lori Wilcox,

Guests: Bill Andersen, Mike Borkowski.

Approval of Minutes: Jeff Folker, Beth Clemmensen

**DISCUSSIONS:**

**STEM Program:**

STEM Instructor Mr. Pollina, Ms. Renee DeVore and Mrs. Judi Epcke discussed the desire to enhance and extend the STEM opportunities for students. Committee and Board members visited Northwood Junior High School on two occasions in May to experience the SMART Lab curriculum designed by Creative Learning Systems. The Smart Lab offers up to 15 different types of engaged learning activities. Skills such as coding, architectural design, building, Rude Goldberg experiments along with presentation skills, planning and goal-setting, collaborative and self-directed learning and more, all emphasized in the innovative environment. The SMART Lab includes physical tools and a K-12 curriculum. An opportunity for STEM inspired learning would benefit from a SMART Lab. The skills promoted within the space are aligned with the District's Mission/Vision. Investment in a SMART Lab is approximately \$180,000- @\$200,000. Mr. Pollina has received a grant from the Spirit of 67 for a portion of the cost of converting the current STEM classroom into a SMART Lab. The intention is for the SMART Lab to be up and running in the upcoming school year.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Beth Clemmensen moved seconded by Lauren Grieve that the meeting be adjourned.

**Future Agenda Items:** Curriculum Mapping.

**Next Meeting:** The Committee will meet in July at a date to be decided.