

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

Title: Education Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Time: 8:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Location: West Campus, Seminar A

Participants: Lesley Fisher, Jeff Folker,

Administration Present: Mike Simeck, Lauren Fagel, Lori Wilcox

Guests: Mike Borkowski, Patrick Patt, Veronica Patt

Approval of minutes: - Jeff Folker, Lesley Fisher

**DISCUSSIONS:**

**Charge of Committee:** The Committee is comprised of BOE members, administration, and committee members; not necessarily a decision making group; a vetting format for things that are coming down the pike; driven by the administration; BOE and Committee members are encouraged to add things to the agenda; vetting process - do you think this is something that we are ready to bring to the Board? The Committee will work on language of existing committee charter.

Mike Simeck asked how things get on the agenda? Eileen puts agenda out to everyone; chair and administrative point person make final decision of what goes on agenda

Large curricular adoptions and initiatives will be formally presented to the Board; prior to formal presentation, it will be presented in workshop, Education Committee, etc. The Finance Committee charge should align with the Education Committee charge. The agenda is owned by the BOE; a good chair will look to the administrator and ask “what do you got?” The full Board of Education gets to see minutes from Ed Committee at the Board meeting.

Jeff Folker asked who approves curriculum and educational initiatives? “It is clear for finance and ops because the BOE approves the budget; otherwise what is the purpose of the committee?” In the past, there have been major educational initiatives that have NOT been voted on by the Board.

It was learned from IASBO Formal Training that the Board of Education owns the curriculum; in theory, it is through the budget that curriculum is approved, but in practice, it is not. The BOE votes give administrators “cover.” Lori Wilcox asked if this a place to

discuss instructional strategies?

**Final Committee Charge:** The purpose of the Education Committee is to vet and provide guidance to the Administration on major educational initiatives and District goals.

**LASIC:** Lauren Fagel gave a review of the Design Thinking Process from the last meeting.

Mike Borkowski asked if the Committee would bring the final 2 - 3 prototypes to Board of Education workshop and Education Committee and what the timeline is? Mike Borkowski stated that Cherokee issue needs a solution.

Two questions were asked regarding funding and what is the plan for next year? Is it going to be better next year? There will be a direction.

ACTFL recommends 90/10 model for use of target language in any language classroom - immersion approach. We have "close to a partial immersion program" for Mandarin.

**Rockville Trip:** Lesley Fisher reported on the site visit to Rockville. Twenty-nine people, including teacher leaders, administrators, and Board of Education members visited a lighthouse K-12 school district known for not tracking students; every student can learn at high levels, there are multiple adults in a classroom setting, teachers are on the same team, they plan together almost daily, zero hour, with many enrichment and support opportunities.

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Mike Borkowski asked what are the contract implications? Mike Simeck stated that Rockville spends a massive amount of money on personnel and stated that for parents of kids who are struggling or "in the middle," this is a slam dunk; for parents of kids who are "gifted," this will be a tougher sell.

Mike Simeck reported that there is no pull out programming; high-level discourse and open-ended questions for all students

A Rockville Reunion/Data Dive is scheduled for December 16, 2013.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Jeff Folker moved, seconded by Lesley Fisher that the meeting be adjourned.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014

**Future Agenda Items: LASIC Prototypes**