

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 196
Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools
Educating our students to reach their full potential

Parent Leaders Meeting
9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2009
District Office

Present: Diane Belfiori, Glacier Hills Elementary School of Arts and Science; Kim Bernstein, Thomas Lake Elementary; Melanie Paulseth (sub for Kari Bollum), Westview Elementary; Veronica Barnes (sub for Lisa Brose), Southview Elementary; Kristi Conway, Rosemount Elementary; Jim Cronin, Red Pine Elementary; Libby Hagen, Scott Highlands Middle; Kathy Hilton, Woodland Elementary; Jan Johnson, Deerwood Elementary; Gail Lentsch, Dakota Hills Middle; Thana Ross (sub for Eileen Massie), Eastview High; Jennifer McKenzie, Pinewood Elementary; Tracy Monro-Moran, Diamond Path Elementary School of International Studies; Barb Moon, Black Hawk Middle; Dawn Morrison, Parkview Elementary; Melissa Miller (sub for Laura Mueller), Oak Ridge Elementary; Jill Murphy, Shannon Park Elementary; Amy Orzolek, Echo Park Elementary; Laurie Pinto, Greenleaf Elementary; Michele Snare, Rosemount High; Molly Wellik, Highland Elementary; Kim Craven, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and John D. Currie, Superintendent

UPDATES

Q Comp

Teachers approved Q Comp for another two years in a vote held earlier this month. There are two major revisions that will change the way teachers receive their Q Comp payout. The first revision is the elimination of the automatic step (an increase in pay for another year of service); teachers must now successfully participate in the four phases of Q Comp (submit an Individual Education Plan, achieve classroom goals and building goals, and complete the three observations by a peer leader). The second revision is that teachers/nurses must be at the proficient level on Charlotte Danielson's *Frameworks for Teaching* rubric.

Superintendent Search Process

School Board interviews with the four finalists for superintendent were completed the evening after this Parent Leader meeting took place and the board selected two finalists. Stillwater Superintendent Keith Ryskoski will interview with the School Board on Monday, May 4, and Director of Teaching and Learning Jane Berenz will interview on Tuesday, May 5. Parent leaders are invited to meet with Ryskoski at 5 p.m. on May 4 and with Berenz at 5 p.m. at the District Office prior to their 6:30 p.m. interviews which are open to the public.

Legislative Update

John shared a legislative update from AMSD outlining state legislation affecting education and education funding as proposed by the governor, the house and the senate. After reviewing each area of proposed legislation, John summarized approximate budget reductions (in addition to planned draw down of the fund balance) that would need to be made in District 196 for the next two school years. The School Board has already approved \$10.1 million in reductions for the 2009-10 school year. For the 2010-11 school year, reductions would range from \$6.25 million under the governor's plan to \$26.25 million under the senate's plan.

QUESTIONS

Q: What is the Young Scholars Program?

A: Young Scholars is a program that identifies students for our Gifted and Talented Program who might not be identified as gifted through traditional methods. It is funded through a combination of grants and Integration money.

Q: Are counselors assigned the same way teachers are?

A: There is a ratio of counselors to buildings (2 per middle school) and to number of students (one per 445 students), just like other staffing ratios for teachers, paraprofessionals, media specialists, etc. Nationwide, Minnesota has one of the highest ratios of students to counselors.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2009
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