

Communications Committee Summary of 11.30.11 Meeting

Attendees

Committee Members Present: David Flowers, Robin Hill, Ben Koppelman, Judy Kvaale, Carol Zent, Mike Shea, Verna Rasmussen, Amy Meier, Mark Berntson, Sylvia Mattson, Suzanne McTiver, Karen Kraft and Becky Horsley

Committee Members Absent: None

Other: Heather Konschak, Louise Dardis, Mari Bell, Jeff Johnson & Gale Haug

- 1) Review Committee “charge” per language in negotiated agreement
 - a. A copy of the language agreed upon during this year’s negotiations was provided to all of the Committee members for their review.
 - b. Members expressed their appreciation for the reworking and/or the continuation of the Communications Committee.

- 2) Transfer process
 - a. Human Resource Director Robin Hill briefly reviewed the standard staff transfer process for the Committee, and then went on to explain the process that will be used to staff the new elementary school.
 - b. It is important to note that no final decisions have been made on which teachers are moving; a lot of the transfers will have to wait until after the Boundary & Demographics Advisory Committee completes its work in late January.

- 3) Updates/closure on items from last year
 - a. During the 2010-11 school year, the Communications Committee consistently asked for updates and/or closure on this list of items:
 - i. RTI-B
 - ii. Consistent/identical discipline policy/forms
 - iii. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Specialized Classroom
 - b. Assistant Superintendent Louise Dardis and Special Education Director Mari Bell gave the Committee progress updates or completion reports for each of the three items, and answered all questions from members.

- 4) Operational plan – governance structure
 - a. Due to time constraints, this item will be moved to the next meeting agenda.

- 5) Positives at WFPS
 - a. Mike Shea > Even though the community continues to grow, the school district has not lost its small-town atmosphere. All WFPS teachers strive to ensure that no student falls through the cracks.

- 6) Discuss next meeting dates and potential items for next agenda
 - a. Per the language in the negotiated agreement, this Committee will meet three times per year. The next meeting is anticipated for late February. The date will be communicated to the Committee once chosen.
 - b. Potential items for the February agenda:
 - i. Confidentiality in the HR Department
 - ii. Flexibility for those pursuing their Master's Degree