

Trinity Area School District
Minutes of the
Education Committee Meeting
October 6, 2010 – 10:00 a.m.
Board Room – Trinity Hall

Members of the Committee: Tamara Salvatori, Chairperson (arrived at 10:10 a.m.); John Keisling; Dennis McWreath

Committee members present: Tamara Salvatori; John Keisling and Dennis McWreath

Others present: Paul Kasunich, Superintendent; Judy Walz, recording secretary

Community members present: Brenda Williamson, Mike Williamson

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Mr. Keisling

Public Comment

None

Dr. Kasunich reviewed kindergarten class sizes, indicating that classes at Trinity West were 25, 25 and 24 students. He discussed a contingency plan should enrollment increase, which would include employing a substitute teacher to push in to each classroom. Discussion was held on the possibility of moving some kindergarten students from Trinity West to Trinity North on an optional basis. Dr. Kasunich recommended no action at this time.

Requirements and expectations regarding teacher's websites were discussed.

Dr. Kasunich reported that collaborative time for teachers is scheduled as follows: Elementary grade level meetings are held once per week during teachers' planning time; middle school team meetings are held during scheduled times; and high school department meetings are held after school. He also noted that Data Team meetings are held after school.

Dr. Kasunich indicated that the evaluation and results of summer school has been assigned to an administrator as a goal and that he would present a report to the Board as early as February. Mr. McWreath requested information regarding the cost of summer school and pre and post student results. Discussion was held regarding different assessment options.

The committee discussed full day vs. half day kindergarten. Dr. Kasunich indicated that an administrator is researching the effects of full day vs. half day as a goal. Mrs. Salvatori

suggested changing the required birth date for enrollment. It was noted that a decision should be made prior to kindergarten registration in March.

Mr. Williamson commented in support of full day kindergarten.

Mr. McWreath questioned if it was a requirement that the Board approve standardized tests administered to students.

Dr. Kasunich reported that Arena Scheduling would be implemented at the high school. He noted that the process would require students to prioritize classes and would allow students to receive schedules before they leave at the end of the year. It will also indicate what classes have a low enrollment. The Board will receive an update in the near future.

New Business

Mrs. Salvatori discussed the schedule of the Strings program offered at the elementary schools.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.