

**Minutes**  
**District Office**  
**April 18, 2013, 2:30 pm**

Present: Patrick Bowdren, Ralph Chiumento, Arij Kurzum, Marco Lanzoni, Mike Murphy, Jean Nemes, Lois Powell, Cathy Robinson

- Technology Class Requirement Update—Lois shared that Karen Vitek will be teaching the required computer course next year and that the curriculum will be updated with feedback from the teachers.
- Budget Process Review—Lois asked for feedback on the budget forum and the budget survey. Generally, the members felt that the two additions to the process were worthwhile. We talked about starting the work earlier next year, though the teachers felt that the sooner we start talking about what might be cut, the longer we have teachers feeling anxious.
- Meeting with Senator Gipson—Lois shared that Ralph, Michele and she would be meeting with the Senator the next day and asked for input as to what the discussion should include. The following topics were offered: tax cap, unfunded mandates, APPR linked to State Aid, assessments coming too soon after implementation of common core standards, the role of Pierson, and unintended consequences, such as the difficulty of scheduling all the necessary final exams at the end of the school year.

**Next Meeting**

2:45 pm on Thursday, September 26th, at District Office.