

District Council
Minutes
Nassau Conference Room
March 15, 2016
3:15

Attendees: Cindi Battistoli (elementary teacher rep), Marcella Byrne (support staff rep), Julia Caldwell (student rep), Joan Cox (community rep), John Farrell (elementary principal rep), Justin Habert (Student Government President), Steve Malkischer (secondary school principal rep), Leah Mozeshtam (student rep), Lois Powell (Superintendent), Caroline Sung (Hagan parent rep), and Mark Van Horne (secondary school teacher rep)

- Budget Update/Discussion—Lois shared the status of the budget, explaining that the Board decided to use money from the fund balance to close the \$125,000 gap between the budget and what the budget needs to be to stay under the tax cap. She explained that if we get more money in state aid than anticipated, the Board will consider adding some things to the budget. She announced that the budget presentation will take place on March 29th at 7:30 and encouraged members to attend.
- Legislative Grant—Lois shared that we received a grant of \$9,000 which has to be approved by the Board of Education for something specific and that the Board asked her to bring this up with District Council. Several suggestions were offered: Ipads, a new sign for in front of the High School, Chromebooks, equipment for Science Olympiad or the MST class, a new scoreboard for the football field, and new sound equipment for the High School. We discussed the various options and settled on asking the Board to choose between the new scoreboard or the new sounds system. The rationale is that the football games bring the community together and that all the schools use the auditorium for events.
- Facilities Committee—Lois explained about the Building Condition Survey that was completed and that a facilities committee has been meeting to prioritize the needs at each building. A proposal will be ready to present to the Board of Education in April or May. Lois will let the Council members know the date.
- Superintendent Search Update—Lois shared that the Board of Education received approximately 35 applications for the position and that the Board met last week to select 8 candidates to interview. The interviews are being held March 15 and 16. The Board will then narrow the finalists to 2 or 3 and conduct a second round of interviews. A stakeholders group comprised of community members, students, support staff, teachers, and administrators will also interview the finalists and provide feedback to the Board.
- Agenda for Meeting on June 7th:
membership for next year, first meeting date, self-assessment