

District Leadership Team  
Minutes of the 1/9/06 Meeting

Members in attendance:

Sean Martinson, Mark Adams, Deanna Hron, Yvonne Wilson, Colleen Schussman, Karen Moll, Yvonne Daigle, Charlene DeLawyer, Janet Florine, Bobbi Jo Hemphill, Matt Grose, Brent Brunetta, Russ Bouchie

Meeting started at 7:15 AM

January 25 half day in-service

Speaker Ann Dolence will be at the King Elementary school for a 2 hour presentation on Conflict resolution among adults. Brent Brunetta is going to contact Ms. Dolence to see if the number of participants could be expanded beyond the original number of 45. High School and North Elementary representatives will bring this information to the site teams to see if those staff members would benefit from participation on that day. Future presentations may be scheduled to include parents and other staff.

Best Practice Grants

Charlene reviewed the new application and the goals. This application will be used immediately with revisions being made on an ongoing basis. Deadlines of Sept 15, Jan 31, and April 30 have been set in order to allot the Best Practice Grants.

Staff Development

- a. Discussed the 2% mandated set aside that was passed by legislation after the school board had approved utilizing some of the staff development money to offset the budget reduction. The teachers will now take a vote on allowing that use to stay in effect or not. Deanna Hron stated that no date has been set for this vote, however it possibly will take place at the same time as the approval of the teacher's 05-07 contract.
- b. Discussed the need to have all three sites on the same page with distribution of staff development \$ limits. It was discussed that the high school does have a limit. Beyond that limit the employee would be expected to incur the expenses. Mark Drotts stated that he does not believe anyone has exceeded the limit. The elementary schools do not have a limit. At this time no staff member has had to pay out-of-pocket to attend staff development opportunities.

Yvonne Wilson selected to serve on a committee with the Center For Rural Education

Yvonne will be attending a session on January 20, 2006. She asked for input of the top 4 concerns that we as a rural district are dealing with today. Two suggested top concerns were financial funding and declining enrollment. Other concerns can be emailed to her during the next few days.

### 2006-07 calendar

The draft of next year's school calendar has been made and will be presented to the school board tonight. Only minor changes are being recommended from this year's calendar. There are 172 student days and 9 staff development days scheduled. Three days prior to school starting will be scheduled for teacher preparations. Deer River, Grand Rapids and Greenway are nearing the point of having identical calendars.

### District Communication

Olio input: The December format took too long to download. Recommended returning to the previous format. The WORD format will be used in the future.

### MAP Testing

Matt Grose addressed the status of MAP testing. The set up has been a huge undertaking and the high school is expecting that the testing may start in February. Charlene Delawyer added that the elementary schools have asked Sean Martinson to play a key role in the set up and implementation in the elementary. Future MCAs and other testing will probably be online in the future as we hear the term 'online by 2009'. Map testing in Deer River will benefit the teaching staff by getting them geared up and trained for the online future.

### Multi District Day

The March 10 multi district staff development day will see 47 sessions offered. Blue registration sheets should be turned into the building secretaries. The opportunity to take part in this multi district day is a reflection of the need to have like-calendars in the surrounding districts. Great use of these training opportunities!

### DLT Meeting Dates

Colleen will email all DLT members the school board meeting dates and all future meetings will be held in accordance with the times set at the November 2005 meeting.

\*\*Future meetings will be held on School Board meeting dates at 4:30 pm and are scheduled to last approximately 45-60 minutes.

Special meetings may be held if deemed necessary. Committee meetings will be held as each committee decides.

### North School Site Team

Transportation issues that resulted from the decrease of 3 buses to 2 seem to be resolving themselves. Future chances of moving back to 3 buses seem unlikely due to the current budget situation.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned 8:00

### NEXT MEETING

February 6, 2006

HS Library 4:30 pm