

District Leadership Team  
Minutes  
2/6/06 Meeting

Call to order: 4:30 PM

DRHS Media Center

In attendance

- Brent Brunetta
- Sean Martinson
- Mark Adams
- Yvonne Wilson
- Deana Hron
- Charlene DeLawyer
- Matt Grose
- Mark Drotts
- Russ Bouchie
- Anne Lind
- Karen Moll
- Jim Rossbach
- John Haberle

**REVIEW AND UPDATES FROM LAST MEETING**

- **January 25** half day in-service
  - Speaker Ann Dolence
- **Best Practice Grants**
  - Committee is still in the process of meeting.
- **Staff Development**
  - DREA union members are in the process of holding the state mandated vote needed to retain and/or reallocate staff development dollars.
- On January 20, 2006 **Yvonne Wilson** attended a committee with the Center For Rural Education conference in Washington, D.C.
- The district is closer to a **common 2006-07 calendar** with a few dates different from the region. This will allow the district to share services with other districts.
- District Communication, **Olio** Newsletter is available through e-mail and online at the District Website.
- **MAP Testing**
  - This week at King and North next week at DRHS ([www.nwea.org](http://www.nwea.org))
- Seven sessions (of 47) are being presented by ISD 317 Deer River staff at the **Multi District Day** to be held on March 10.
- **DLT Meeting Dates** will continue to be held prior to board meetings at 4:30pm with e-mail reminders sent in advance with agendas.
- **North School Site Team** continues to work with transportation.

## **HIGHEST STUDENT ACHIEVMENT**

- The district continues to offer services above and beyond as well as credit recovery classes with offerings such as Math Masters, the VITAL online learning academy ([www.iasc.k12.mn.us/vital/](http://www.iasc.k12.mn.us/vital/)), and spelling/geography Bees.

## **EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT SYSTEMS**

- Superintendent Adams updated the DLT on Bond issues.
  - Mr. Rossbach raised questions and passed along community concerns in regards to district expenditures/plans for future purchases such as track and building changes. Would like to see budget moving towards high quality staff and issues that directly effect the performance of students.
  - Also expressed and again asked DLT to move towards community involvement.
  - Other Community Ed. concerns
    - Brochure continues to arrive after classes have started and would like to see courses offered in reflection to local populations.

## **BUILDING SITE TEAM REPORTS**

- **North**
  - This coming May, North is looking to move from an Environmental Day to a Multicultural/Environmental Week. They are planning for a week of activities with different presenters coming each day of the week to share their talents (Monday, Peace Breakfast – Friday Powwow Bug & Eagleview). Artist in residence, clay or pottery ... With declining enrollment North is trying to find ways of promoting North School to keep it open.
- **King**
  - Author study of William Durbin who will be here this Friday to speak to students. This coming Monday, Frank Moe will be coming in to speak with kids in regards to dog sledding, next week is also Snow Fun day week.
- **DRHS**
  - Working on building improvement goals, trying to offer high level classes for advanced students to maintain students that we are currently losing to post secondary options. Goal of increasing reading scores, school spirit, technology, improve communication with community. Closed campus for Junior High students which has resulted in positive feedback from parents. Feedback was received from area business with a variety of responses from thoughts that it would effect business and others stating it would be of no effect.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

- Budget
  - Mr. Adams spoke to deadlines and goals that are coming up in regards to a general proposed reduction of \$400-500k of general fund dollars. Classes leaving are larger than those entering seeing this area wide. 85% of

budget is human resources. Community meetings are being scheduled and will be published in the newspaper, website and olio.

- Enough data has been received from previous survey to allow the district to set priorities based on community, staff, parent, administration, and school board input. We continue to seek ways to share services in the region that affect areas outside of the classroom. This sharing of services will allow us to maintain our classroom strength without jeopardizing the district identity.
  
- What are the District Leadership goals?
  - Plan to come back with realistic goals for what the DLT will be doing.
  
- Yvonne Wilson is a Minnesota Teacher of the Year candidate.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:42pm

#### **NEXT MEETING**

March 6, 2006

HS Library 4:30 pm