

District Leadership Team
Minutes
3/6/06 Meeting

Call to order: 4:30 PM
DRHS Media Center

In attendance

Brent Brunetta, Sean Martinson, Mark Adams, Yvonne Wilson, Vicky Jerry,
Charlene DeLawyer, Bobbi Jo Hemphill, Mark Drotts, Russ Bouchie, Janet Florine,
Karen Moll, Jim Rossbach, John Haberle, Colleen Schussman, Yvonne Daigle, Lacey
Davidson, Laura Rudquist

REVIEW AND UPDATES FROM LAST MEETING

Minutes: Discussed and Approved

Student representative members, Lacey Davidson and Laura Rudquist, were introduced and welcomed.

BUILDING SITE TEAM REPORTS

- **King**
 - Bullying workshop will be presented to staff on March 24th during the teacher workshop day.
 - March 13-24 the building will have a reading celebration.
 - Best Practice grant has been approved.
 - Pilot Project reviewed by Janet Florine. A recent special education review revealed that our Native American students are being over referred. Joan Bibeau will work with teachers and child study team during three sessions (March, April, May).
- Karen Melchoir will be reviewing the need and application of the 504 plan for students not meeting special education requirements or as early intervention for special education students.

- **North**
 - Bingo for Books was held last week with a great participation from the students.
 - Upcoming events include:
 - Math Masters students compete on Monday, March 13 with Coach Colleen Olson.
 - Science Fair
 - Environmental/Multi-Cultural Week with possible joint pow-wow with Bug-o-ne-ge-shig students. An artist in residence is being recruited to participate during the week.

- **DRHS**
 - Teen Suicide Prevention training for teachers, and students is available and a date is being scheduled. A former Deer River graduate would be the presenter. This training would help staff and students to identify signs of someone dealing with suicidal issues.

- Mr. Adams presented brief update of the altercation that occurred over the weekend. The community should be proud way the situation was handled by local ministerial representatives, crisis intervention team members, and staff as they followed the procedures necessary to insure the affected students received the support needed throughout the day.

OTHER ITEMS

- Budget
 - Best Practice applications were reviewed with grants awarded to:
 - D Passeri, L Box, and M Carlstrom
 The application deadline for late spring, summer and early fall requests is April 30, 2006.

- What are the District Leadership goals?
 - Reviewed a sample 'meeting norms' provided by B Brunetta. Reviewed the Blandin Leadership 2004 outcomes and decided that updates are needed.
 - J Rossbach presented a format of what the goals of the DLT may be. These included:
 - Purpose, Goal, Objective, Expected Outcome, and Timeline
 Discussion took place and ideas were generated on how this may be implemented. There is the need for an effective life long learning environment. He believes that this is the place were the district is failing. The district is not thinking about what happens after high school.

- Communication
 - Good communication is being established among the buildings with their parents and students. More input and communication with the community groups needs to continue to be focused on.
 - Suggestions to build better communication/relations with community groups include:
 - District Newsletter to be sent in Western Itasca Review and available in printed format at local clinics, community centers, businesses.
 - PBTV?
 - Calendar of events available in printed format at outlying community centers, businesses.
 Recommendation was made that this issue and suggestions be given to the PR group that is meeting on Wednesday and that the recommendations be brought back to the DLT at the next meeting.
 - Suggestions for getting out into the community were discussed.
 - Town Meetings – in Inger, Marcell, Ball Club, etc.
 - Newsletters
 - Letting seniors know that sporting events are FREE to them.
 - Compile a 'Speakers Bureau' of staff willing to speak on specific subjects when asked by local groups.
 - Have student representation on School Board
 - Coordinate a student 'panel' that would be available to join community groups for informal discussion sessions.
 - Hold community 'fun and learning' nights such as the North area Math Game Night.

- **Committee Action**
 - The following committee will meet prior to the next DLT meeting to review possible updates and return with recommendations for updates and needed sub committees.
K. Moll, B Brunetta, M Adams, Y Daigle,
Y Wilson, Jim Rossbach
 - Each DLT member is asked to bring a list of community groups that could be contacted with information in regards to PR recommendations.
 - The two student representatives will conduct an informal survey to find students that would be willing to participate in the 'student panel' community discussion.
 - Mr. Adams will present the 'Student Representatives' idea to the school board.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm

NEXT MEETING

April 3, 2006

North School Library 4:30 pm