

K-2/3-5 Study Committee

November 18, 2013

Superintendent's Office

9:15 a.m.

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Dan Mannix, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Passno, Board President
April Bingel, Board Member
Cathy Buckley, Board Member
Pauline Stone, Board Member

Others Present: Joanne Menard, District Clerk

It was the consensus of the committee that the Board President and Superintendent be the chairpersons of this committee.

The Superintendent read the following statement: *"I think it's important that we are consistent, as a committee, with our message to the school community that today's meeting is preliminary and simply allows for refocusing. To be clear, no decision has been made, nor are we in a position to make one in the very near future. This is a study, at this point that was commissioned several years ago. The k-2/3-5 consolidation study has been a Board goal for the past three years now and for several reasons, no action and limited discussion was held. We are now trying to thoroughly examine the benefits of the District and will decide this year whether to pursue it further or to dismiss it. Nobody believes this move will be a cost saving measure to the District. However, it is possible that we may find many academic benefits for our students and that is the avenue we are taking in pursuing this discussion."*

The Committee decided the new name of the committee will be **K-2/3-5 Study Committee**.

The Superintendent recommended that all stakeholders be a part of the committee as a whole with no subcommittees. The Superintendent recommended two teachers from each building (1 teacher and 1 parent/teacher).

Cathy Buckley recommended the MS Principal be a part of the committee along with one middle school teacher. The committee agreed.

The Superintendent informed the Committee that the Director of Special Services, Educational Technology Coordinator, and Transportation Supervisor will serve on the committee.

The question was asked if the Transportation Study could be included in K-2/3-5 Study. The Superintendent will inquire.

The next meeting was scheduled for 12/5/13 at 6:00 p.m. in the MS/HS library.

A robo call will be conducted to seek volunteers from parents to be a part of the committee. The principals will submit names of the teachers.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted;
Joanne Menard, District Clerk