

St. Louis Park Public Schools
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
Study Session
Tuesday, October 12, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis Park High School Room C350

The regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 283 of St. Louis Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota, convened at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 in St. Louis Park High School Room C350. Present were Board Members Mary Tomback, Anne Casey, Karen Waters, Ken Morrison, C. Colin Cox, Heather Wilsey, Laura McClendon and Superintendent Astein Osei.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Mary Tomback called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Wilsey, seconded by Cox to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion passed 7-0.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Osei communicated that St. Louis Park Public Schools is hiring for many roles within the custodial, nutrition services, and Kids Place. He encouraged anyone interested to apply online. Next, he acknowledged principals for Principals Appreciation Week and thanked all of the principals for their hard work and dedication to students. He concluded his report by sharing details about the virtual celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day the evening before, organized by the district’s American Indian Parent Advisory Committee. Community members were able to enjoy music, dance, and storytelling.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Restorative Practices

Michele Edwins, Restorative Practices Coordinator, and Stephanie Autumn, Restorative Practices Consultant, provided an overview of restorative practices within St. Louis Park Public Schools. The presentation started with an opening and grounding. The discussion included the connection between restorative practices and the district’s Policy 506. Next, the School Board learned more about the indigenous model of restorative practices, the team and planning, the social discipline window, and the seven core assumptions of restorative practices. The presentation ended with a closing, in alignment with restorative practices.

COVID Mitigation Strategies

Superintendent Astein Osei provided an update on the District's COVID response including mitigation strategies. He shared mitigation strategies for safe in-person learning, information about upcoming vaccination events, a reminder about the consistent and correct use of masks, and information regarding testing for both students and staff.

Policy Development - First Reading Policies 410 Family and Medical Leave, 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, & 715 Uniform Grant Guidance Regarding Federal Revenue Sources

The School Board reviewed policies 410 Family and Medical Leave, 414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse, 415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults, and 715 Uniform Grant Guidance Regarding Federal Revenue Sources (new), as a first reading.

Policy Development - Second Reading Policy 103 Racial Equity

The School Board will review policy 103 Racial Equity, a proposed new policy, as a second reading.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSMITTALS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Morrison, seconded by Waters to adjourn. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

C. Colin Cox, Clerk

Anne Casey, Chair

(Clerk Laura McClendon and Chair Mary Tomback at time of meeting)

Minutes prepared by Flower M. Krutina