



Spring Lake Park Schools
District Services Center
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MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

School Board, Spring Lake Park Schools

Spring Lake Park, MN

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Easter called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Board members in attendance were Amy Hennen, Tony Easter, Marilyn Forsberg, Sarah Bowe, John Stroebel, and Sam Villella, along with Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg. Member Skelly arrived at 6:03pm.

B. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Villella, seconded by Bowe, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes(6-0). Member Skelly was absent at the time of the vote.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Deepen Innovative and Personalized Learning project update: Elementary Report Cards: Dr. Hope Rahn, Executive Director of Learning and Innovation presented an elementary report card update stating that the key achievement point is align elementary grading and reporting systems from past practices to a competency-based approach. The K-6 report card revisions for the 2022-23 school year are moving from “Life Skills” to “Career and Life Competencies”. The reporting aligns with the descriptions on our career and life competency rubrics, which are grade-banded: K-2, 3-4, and 5-6. Dr. Rahn mentioned that grade 6 report card transitioned from a letter grade report card to a standards-based report card and that the design team used SLP 3D methods and process to gain insight, develop prototypes, get feedback, and refine prototypes. This took them to the final prototype that includes a more consistent communication on student learning.
2. Science of Happiness course at High School update: Dr. Ronneberg, shared with the board the proposal from Melissa Olson, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Steve Brady, Assistant Principal at SLPHS, about having the Science of Happiness course as an elective course at SLPHS. Dr. Ronneberg shared that this course was offered at Yale by Laurie Santos. Santos designed the course because she saw a high level of anxiety in students and that they have never been able to be happy on what they achieve. Dr. Ronneberg mentioned that this course has been implemented in another school districts with great response. The plan is to offer it as an elective for Juniors and Seniors.
3. Board Meeting Dates – update and discussion: Dr. Ronneberg presented a proposal for board meeting dates for next school year and a discussion took place with board members on a couple of the dates. The final dates will be presented for approval at the April regular meeting.

4. Other: Dr. Ronneberg presented updates on the legislature and the Omnibus bills and Chair Easter reminded the Board that the next regular meeting is on April 11th at 5:00pm due to Blaine elections.

D. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Forsberg, seconded by Hennen, to enter into closed session to discuss employee negotiations at 7:09pm. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (7-0)

Motion by Stroebel, seconded by Bowe, to reconvene the meeting at 7:32pm. Motion carried unanimously with all board members present voting yes. (7-0)

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bowe, seconded by Forsberg to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm

Date

Marilynn Forsberg, Clerk
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