

SANDRIDGE SD 172 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Thursday, October 16, 2025 6:00P.M.

Media Center, 2950 Glenwood Dyer Road, Lynwood, Illinois 60411

Mrs Shaunta Gray:	Absent
Mrs Sonja Jenkins Brown:	Present
Ms Janell Krueger:	Present
Dr Stacey McJunkins:	Absent
Mrs Kim Newton:	Present
Mrs Grace Snelling:	Present
Jeff Walker:	Present

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. **ROLL CALL: President Jenkins-Brown, Dr. McJunkins, Mrs. Snelling, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Krueger, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Gray**

3. Superintendent Report

Presenter: Dr. Kim Nalls

Discussion: Dr. Nalls spoke about truancy. 5th and 8th grades come to school, and they are more independent. The younger children are late due to their inability to get themselves ready for school. But because of this, they lose almost half a day of school. Therefore, high absenteeism is with the younger children. Dr. Nalls reported on exemplary information. Statewide data indicates that behavior is due to attendance. Core instructions have been missed when they are late. Academically, grades decline

The goals are: Improve attendance and reduce truancy, which will increase to better grades. Analyzing data that was looked into over the Summer. Plans are being made with So. Cook Center to identify intervention strategies.

Teachers have been instructed to give the grades that are earned and not just because the student showed up to class and did try. This gives a false sense of success. Intervention is needed, and more information will be given at a later date.

Janell Krueger will give a report on the delegate's resolutions: School bus safety and funding regarding safety. Childhood trauma was also discussed.

4. **Principal Report**

Discussion: Principal's Report Mrs. Polk

Presenter: Ms. Kalea Polk

We now have 422 students and more registrations are being completed so we are increasing in numbers. The school improvement plan is to increase numbers in math and reading and decrease our bad attendance. We do not seem to have a behavior problem. But we do have minor incidents in touching. We are encouraging the students to come to a teacher or administrative figure first before reacting to a situation,

We are encouraging the students to help their parents get them to school. We want students to be heard. Mr Vander Kuyl is monitoring the incidents to see if we will be able to control the things that go on.

Question: Have we notified the parents that we are working on a student incentives process?

Three or more days of absence notices have been sent home. Attendance Champions, check in with at-risk students. Highest attendance classes are being recognized. Grades: Students believe they will automatically pass. The students are doing goal-setting in all classes. The notices will be sent home and signed.

Question: All students will meet with homeroom teachers and will the parents see the goals they have achieved? They should be sent to the parents to help them attain those goals. This method is already working.

Attendance winner 8th grade 98% October 244 parents attended the Parent Teacher Conference. Various events are coming up. Note: The new coaching staff and gym teachers are assigned to work various games. The energy of the current activities are improving. The Lynwood Bike Ride Flyer was read. This event includes all students and children are eligible to participate.

5. **Associate Superintendent's Report**

Discussion: Mr. Kosina

Presenter: Mr. Joe Kosina

Fall Diagnostic - The State wants to be 95% - 99%
- Our students are meeting these goals. He mentioned that Ms. Polk is doing a very good job of enforcing the goals we have met.

Data Inform 397/416

MTSS Intervention Diagnostic Assessment our target has been met at 95%. We need all students

to be at a Tier 3 level.

Question: Do we know what grade level most of the students fail at? Placement by Domain shows it. When teachers go into i-Ready Domain they can see the data. Question: Have we compared last year versus this year? Each year, cohorts have been put in place of students moving in the process.

Question: Have we found out why Summer School does not work? Summer school is a parent problem. We have tried to get the children and parents will not bring them or cooperate with what we are trying to do. Monies have been allocated and no one shows up or not enough students attend. We have tried to get them to do fun things with kids, as a field trip as an example. Parents' help is badly needed.

So Cook is helping Mr Kosina stated.

6. Director of Student Support Services Report

Presenter: Mr. David Hook

Discussion: Dr. Nalls is presenting

IEP 504 Strudents
In Districts 69 10 Students
Out of District: 17

Testing is being done to see if students qualify. Initial Evaluations in Progress. We will be applying for a grant for pre-school. Question: Any cutbacks? We are offering transportation for children that live 1.5 miles or more out of the district. The Superintendent states that she has tried to work out something with the parents.

7. Finance Department Report

Presenter: Mrs. Charlotte White

Discussion: Dr. Nalls Presented.

We have a goal of spending the money on the students.

8. Personnel Update

Presenter: Dr. Kim Nalls

Discussion: Dr. Nalls presents

The nurse resigned abruptly. Please remember that people are human and that school settings can be challenging as well as dealing with parents. She will go back into the private sector. The nurse position has been posted. My relative, Tina will be working in that position for a 10-month temporary period.

Tina for ISS is being recommended for a 10-month employee position.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Action(s):

MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.
This motion, made by Mrs Kim Newton and seconded
by Ms Janell Krueger, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Mrs Shaunta Gray:	Absent
Mrs Sonja Jenkins Brown:	Yea
Ms Janell Krueger:	Yea
Dr Stacey McJunkins:	Absent
Mrs Kim Newton:	Yea
Mrs Grace Snelling:	Yea
Jeff Walker:	Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.
This motion, made by Ms Janell Krueger and
seconded by Mrs Kim Newton, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Mrs Shaunta Gray:	Absent
Mrs Sonja Jenkins Brown:	Yea
Ms Janell Krueger:	Yea
Dr Stacey McJunkins:	Absent
Mrs Kim Newton:	Yea
Mrs Grace Snelling:	Yea
Jeff Walker:	Yea

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Discussion: Adjourned to Regular Board Meeting

Board Secretary