

SANDRIDGE SD 172 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Thursday, November 13, 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:	Present
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**

Discussion: Called to order at 6:00 PM

3. Superintendent's Report

Presenter: Dr. Kim Nalls

Discussion: Recognition of School Board Members - Dr. Nalls Recognized all school board members with accolades. United, dedication and building and supporting all the children. Emphasis on our strong commitment.

We were given a gift

4. Associate Superintendent's Report

Presenter: Mr. Joe Kosina

Discussion: Mr. Kosinas presentation:

Dr. Nalls stated that the format will change a bit, and we need to make sure we save our questions for last. Some materials will be brief.

ELA proficiency 3.80, ELA Growth Chronic Absenteeism 5.78, Climate Survey 5.00, Math Proficiency 2.74, Science 0.51

Students with disabilities:

ELA proficiency has improved. 2024 1.90

Math proficiency has gone up to 34.06

Children with disabilities have dropped.

All grade levels need to be at 50

In grades 4 and 6, there were some inconsistencies.

Parent university will be in place for the next year.

Absenteeism will be give a close look by net month

5. Student Support Services

Presenter: David Hook

6. Principal's Report & School Improvement Plan and Community Engagement

Presenter: Ms. Kalea Polk

Discussion: Mrs. Polk

School Improvement Team was emphasized. South Cook, Mrs. Cruz. They are reading a book to stay on track: 4 Disciplines of Execution. The teachers will have a walk-through data method as well. The numbers are actually better than what has been shown. Seven observations have been noticed.

WIN – They are encouraging the students to write more. They are also encouraging the students to utilize word ore and how to breakdown words. Staffing can be a problem and they are working on a solution when teachers are out.

Donuts with dads will be on Tuesday, November 18th. Having parents in school. Muffins on Tuesday December 16th.

Think Pink Week was a great event recognizing Breast Cancer.

Halloween was a big success and parents were involved.

Question: Writing Tuesday does it include cursive writing? Teachers are encouraged to teach cursive writing

Question: Are there goals made up for the teachers to follow?

Basketball was mentioned, and it has been such an encouragement to the total school. There is excitement in this sport, which has been a great feeling to the stgudents

Question: Have the teachers been given the opportunity to observe? Yes -

7. Assistant Principals Report on the Attendance, Grades and Behavior

Presenter: Chris VanderKuyl

Discussion: Attendance is serious. When students do not come to school, it affects their grades and behavior as well. Attendance we want to be 95% or above. Right now, 8th grade is at 93%. Chronic absenteeism. We have been working with Dr. Podgorski. We need to concentrate on the

ones that are "at risk."

Strategies: Phone calls are being made, 5 and 10 days of school, home visits are starting next week on early release days.

Something or someone can make a big difference in turning their attendance around.

Question: What type of incentive is given?

Students that have no absences or office referrals Open Gym, etc.

Question: Children that are sick, what is being done? Maintenance has numerous plans in place for any kind of breakout.

8. Facilities and Finance Update

Discussion: Mr. Hayes:

Presenter: Mrs. Charlotte White/
Clyde Hayes

A school grant was awarded to the school. Devices were added for safety and was completed. A wall was added to the lunchroom area. Some work will be completed during the Winter break. The venting process was completed along with Mr Roosevelt. More speakers are needed to be added to the outside of the building to be completed next summer.

Air quality was a concern. This section was built in 1952 and also 1964. There was no mold found. The Concession Stand has been cleansed thoroughly.

Ms. White:

Indicated that all bills have been paid. People are in training and it is difficult. The training is being done, though somewhat difficult

9. Personnel

Discussion: Dr. Nalls

Presenter: Dr. Kim Nalls

Erika Ashmon has been recommended to fill-in temporarily.

Sheila Stokes will be our School Nurse Consultant

Brenda Street as a food service worker

Correction: Tina Walker, Ms Purcell will stay in that position.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Action(s):

0. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. This motion, made by Mrs Kim Newton and seconded by Dr Stacey McJunkins, Passed.

Voting Detail:

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

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. This motion, made by Mrs Kim Newton and seconded by Dr Stacey McJunkins, Passed.

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

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Board Secretary