

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD  
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 15, 2022  
5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**ROLL CALL: (5:30) p.m.**

Ms. Joseph called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

Present: Ms. Joseph, Mr. Dotzler

Absent: Mr. Spaan

Also Present: Mr. Subeck, Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Zeidler, Dr. Sukenik, Mrs. Kiedaisch, Mrs. Styczen, Ms. Evans, Dr. Stange

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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Mr. Dotzler moved to approve the minutes from May 17, 2022 and Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**REPORTS:**

**4.1 Strategic Plan Updates**

Dr. Stange introduced the presentation outlined in the form of a Thinking Map which delineated the goals of the current District 29 Strategic Plan.

He reviewed efforts towards the goal of Building Connections With Stakeholders including facilitating discussion about District programming through the Parent Connections Committee, Back-To-School Nights, Presentations from outside experts on sensitive curricular topics (e.g., sex education), In-Person and Zoom Parent Teacher Conferences, and digital communications.

Dr. Stange then reviewed efforts towards the goals of Facilitating Best Practices Relative to Safety and Security, highlighting that all items in the recent external security audit were either addressed or in the progress of completion.

Ms. Styczen began a review of efforts towards the goals of Improving Professional Development highlighting training in Thinking Maps for staff and students. Mrs. Kiedaisch then updated progress on the Mathematics curriculum review, noting that the team is currently piloting new resources. Dr. Sukenik then updated progress on the Social Emotional Learning curriculum review, highlighting the recent and future training relative to the RULER program, as well as work on the development of student extracurricular clubs related to civic action.

Finally, Dr. Sukenik reviewed the District-, Administrator-, and Staff-Led professional development opportunities in the District.

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Ms. Evans reviewed progress towards the goals of Improved Student Services Efficiency & Effectiveness, highlighting the Student Services Committee work on Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, Professional learning Communities, and training related to supportive students emotional and behavioral needs.

Dr. Stange highlighted opportunities for staff voice in decision making, including the development of policies, the selection of professional development, the utilization of discretionary funds, the development of the School Calendar, and the refinement of staff evaluation procedures.

Dr. Stange reviewed the 2021-2022 student academic achievement and growth data, highlighting the designation of Middlefork and Sunset Ridge Schools as “Exemplary Status” by the Illinois State Board of Education, a designation reserved for the highest performing 10% of schools in the state. He also noted that the District 29 performance was the highest in the New Trier Township on 4 out of the 5 academic assessment measures collected by the state. Dr. Stange thanked the administration, staff, and students for their efforts in attaining such high marks.

Mrs. Joseph thanked the administration for the comprehensive report on Strategic Plan goal progress, and the staff and students for obtaining such high marks.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Dotzler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. and Ms. Joseph seconded the motion. All were in favor.



Chairperson, Education Committee



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 13 DECEMBER, 2022