

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: May 24, 2011

Type of Meeting: Work Session

Place of Meeting: Middle School Cafeteria

Members Present: President Dennis Ryan
Vice President Patrick E. Gallagher
Board Member Gina Guma
Board Member Darlene Tangney arrived at 8 PM
Board Member Roy Lester

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Robert Greenberg, Superintendent
Dr. Randie Berger, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Vincent Butera, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum
and Instruction
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk

I. Call to Order/Pledge/Opening Remarks

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Ryan thanked the art teachers in the District, Mr. Epstein for coordinating Relay for Life which raised \$40,000, congratulated Mr. Gallagher on his re-election to the Board, and thanked the community for its support of the budget and his re-election. We are all trying to move the District in the right direction educationally and fiscally.

Call to Order

Dr. Greenberg also thanked the community and congratulated Dr. Ryan and Mr. Gallagher.

II. Work Session Topic: Character Education

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Character Education Presentation by Ms. Shari Steier

Character Counts – Dr. Butera met with representatives from all of the buildings to create a District program. Start of The Pillars program. Teaches children the type of person they should strive to be; fair, respectful, trustworthy, caring, solid citizen. Presentation is on file with the District Clerk.

III. *Presentation of Certificates to WordMasters 2010-2011 Winners*

Dr. Mary Tatem introduced the Coaches and presented the certificates.

Beverlee Bertintetti and Caitlin Fuentes, Coaches

Jack Libasci

Sydney Hoffman

Hayden Henry

Jessica Greer

Joshua Kapilian

Hannah Zelinger

Harry Lee

Sabrina Eager

Gabriel Wilkins-Vega

Chrysalis Mandell

Blaise Derenze

IV. Board of Education Comments

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- Board Member Guma thanked Ms. Steier for the presentation, everyone for doing such a great job with the students; we are all proud of our students tonight. Show me a good school and I'll show you a great principal.
- Vice President Gallagher wants to share presentation for everyone to see; thanked the teachers and community for their efforts. Thanked community for voting for budget, Mr. Pine for running and Dr. Ryan for his involvement and working together for another three years.
- Board Member Lester praised Beverlee Bertinetti and Caitlin Fuentes for their incredible work with our students who are making amazing achievements nationally. Character Counts presentation should be encouraged in every school. Reminisced about religion, spirituality in schools. Went to Wheatley Height science fair where some of our students were being honored. One of our students placed first in grade; another tribute to the success of our students.
- President Ryan thanked teachers and staff for Character Counts; was reminded of the pressures of adults to set examples as role models as well as teach curriculum. Teachers are always so enthusiastic in LARC with these programs. These are the things that kids remember – connections, relationships, and values which stay with them long-term.
- Board Member Tangney apologized for arriving late.

Dr. Greenberg recognized Mrs. Danca – one of her students was recognized.

V. Public Comment on the Work Session Topic

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- George Trepp – Long Beach Public Library – Freeport Pride is sponsoring a non-violence campaign. There are 60 partners, libraries, schools, and churches. In Long Beach, it is MLK Center, LB Reach, and LB Public Library. On October 1, they are creating banners saying non-violence.
- Jackie Miller and Gerri Maquet – CCPTA Presidents – thanked everyone for the presentation; enjoyed the children. Asked it be put on web site. Congratulations to students of WordMasters and Ms. Bertinetti and Ms. Fuentes for all of their hard work with those children.

VI. President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn the Work Session at 8:14 PM.

Motion by: Board Member Guma

Seconded by: Vice President Gallagher

Approved: 5-0

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by:

Carole Butler, District Clerk
June 7, 2011