

K-5 Principal's Advisory Committee  
March 17, 2011

- Update on Open Items from Last Meeting:

Can the email change detection notification system specify where the change has occurred? Administration will follow up with the technology department regarding this question.

Can current information remain at the top of the virtual backpack? Administration will monitor items on the website to make certain that current items do not get archived until after their due date.

- 2011-12 Budget Update

The Board of Education issued the sale of \$6M in bonds at a public meeting held on March 9<sup>th</sup>. This bond money will be used over the next several years to make repairs to the school buildings within District 10. The CPI (Consumer Price Index) will be higher for 2011-12 which is good news, but the Board of Education continues to face a deficit as it works with administration to create a balanced budget for 2011-12. Budget discussions will continue at upcoming Board of Education meetings.

- Update on K-Prep Program for 2011-12

Currently there are 15 students who have been enrolled and for whom tuition has been paid in full for the MWF K-Prep program for the 2011-12 school year. The minimum number of students needed to run the program is 16 students. Currently there are 4 students who have been enrolled and for whom tuition has been paid in full for the T/TH K-Prep program for the 2011-12 school year. The minimum number of students needed to run the program is 10 students. Enrollment will remain open through May and beginning April 29, 2011, enrollment will open to families that reside outside of District 10 boundaries.

- Common Core Standards

On February 25<sup>th</sup> the K-5 teachers received a full day of training on the Common Core Standards for Mathematics. This training included information on how the common core standards were developed as well as highlighting the similarities and differences between the current Illinois State Standards and the new Common Core Standards. District 10 will continue to train teachers and staff in the area of common core throughout the 2011-12 school year as this will be the focus for institute days during the upcoming school year.

- K-5 Math Series Update

The enVision math series was adopted for K-5 grade levels at the February Board of Education meeting. Adopted was the 2012 copyright which is fully aligned to the Common Core Standards and will be available this summer. The program will be implemented at all grade levels K-5 in the fall of 2011. K-5 teachers received a half day of training on the new series at the March 7<sup>th</sup> institute day. Follow up training will be offered during the 2011-12 school year, as needed.

- Rtl (Response to Intervention)

The district continues to implement Rtl, with a focus on reading. All three schools are conducting data days to determine student growth and the need for interventions. The district Rtl committee continues to meet periodically throughout the school year to determine district Rtl protocol and procedures. The district will begin to review Social Emotional Learning Standards and address how to implement interventions for students with social/emotional concerns. This may include exploring PBIS strategies. One K-5 PAC member offered a suggestion that teachers follow-up with parents whose students are receiving or have qualified to receive an intervention.

- Membership

Current members Mrs. van den Bogert, Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Emmett will continue to serve on the K-5 Principals' Advisory Committee for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years. A heartfelt thank you is extended to Mrs. Gatbunton for her service and the committee wishes her well as she pursues other endeavors. Membership information for this committee will be posted on the website and will be included in the April school newsletter for both Benson Primary and Franzen Intermediate Schools.

- Parent Topics

Student Safety-When a student issue occurs at a school, what information is considered public and what is considered private? The school district will share all public information with parents as soon as possible. Many of the details that pertain to a student issue is private and cannot be shared with the general public.

How many interactive whiteboards are currently housed at Benson Primary School and Franzen Intermediate School? The primary building currently has two whiteboards as does the intermediate building.

Is Franzen exploring the acquisition of additional laptops for student use? Currently Mr. Murphy is in communication with the district office and the technology department to add additional laptops for student use at Franzen.

The next meeting for the K-5 Principals' Advisory Committee will take place in the fall of 2011. The exact date of that meeting is TBA.