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February 25, 2010

To: Kim Leider Patrick Kearns Jenifer Gornik
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Cc. Dr. Marcia Tornatore
Mr. Dan Aggen

From: Reinhard Nickisch

Re: Minutes from the February 24, 2010 Peacock Parent Advisory Committee meeting

- I. Review of January's financial presentation by Mr. Aggen – A lengthy discussion ensued regarding Mr. Aggen's presentation to the committee in January. Questions also were asked regarding potential cuts projected to be made including possible staff cuts through a nonrenewal of contract process. The committee was informed that the Board of Education is considering the nonrenewal of contracts for all first and second year certified teachers except for those in "hard-to-hire" positions. These possible cuts are over and above the 20% reduction within budget line items, the elimination of a number of stipends and extra-curricular programs/activities, and the elimination of Peacock's early morning and late afternoon buses that are documented in "Draft Plan #1" approved by the Board of Education. Complicating budget planning and prompting the nonrenewal issue is the failure of the State of Illinois to provide the district with anticipated revenue in the traditional timeline of prior school years.
- II. Honor roll criteria for Peacock students – Dr. Nickisch presented a four year profile by quarter of the number of students who earned high and honor roll distinction. The purpose of discussing this issue was precipitated by what appears to be inordinately high numbers for both honor rolls. Dr. Nickisch sought a recommendation from the parents as to whether a change in the honor roll structure for future years is necessary. The committee overwhelmingly agreed to continue with the current structure. Their recommendation will be made available to Peacock's Leadership Council for their March 18th review of the topic.
- III. Recommendations, if any, to the Administration/Board of Education – As this was the final meeting of the 2009-10 Peacock Parent Advisory Committee Dr. Nickisch asked if members had any recommendations for either the Administration or the Board of Education. The committee had no specific recommendations for either group. Finally, members of the



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committee provided their approval for Dr. Nickisch to publish their names and phone numbers in his monthly *Principal's Newsletter*. This process offers parents and other community members an additional opportunity to connect to the school if more direct means for inquiry are not available or desirable.



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