

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 273  
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF NOVEMBER 19, 2024

WORK SESSION  
5:00 PM

Edina Community Center  
ECC 350

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Ms. Erica Allenburg  
Mr. Dan Arom  
Ms. Cheryl Barry  
Mr. Michael Birdman  
Ms. Karen Gabler  
Ms. Jennifer Huwe  
Mr. Elliot Mann

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Erica Allenburg

5:00 PM - 7:45 PM

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Stacie Stanley, Superintendent  
Nate Swenson, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Frannie Becquer, Director of Achievement Equity and Multilingual Learner Programming  
Jody De St. Hubert, Director of Teaching and Learning  
Daphne Edwards, Director of Marketing and Communications  
Dr. Anne Marie Leland, Director of Community Education and Strategic Partnerships  
Sonya Sailer, Director of Human Resources  
Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

Sal Bagley, Wold Architects  
Mark Carlson, Curriculum Coordinator  
Duane Huisentruit, American Indian Cultural Liaison  
Kim Isley, Assistant Director of Early Learning Center  
Cynthia Maldonado, Principal, Countryside Elementary School

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Ms. Erica Allenburg, Chair

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Mr. Dan Arom, Clerk

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DISCUSSION

- A. Reimagining the Early Learning Center
- B. American Indian Programming Update
- C. Countryside Spanish Dual Language Update
- D. Programming Update for K-5 STEAM
- E. 2025-26 Secondary Courses English Language Arts Year Two Recommendations
- F. 2025-2026 Secondary Courses General Change Recommendations
- G. International Travel Requests
- H. Process Check-In with Board

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The minutes and resolutions are open to public inspection on the district website, and on file at the district office, 5701 Normandale Road.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Birdman moved and Member Arom seconded to approve the agenda. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Reimagining the Early Learning Center (ELC): Staff presented information about the current layout, use, and proposed updates to the ELC.

American Indian Programming Update: Staff presented information and updates about the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee.

Countryside Spanish Dual Language Update: Staff presented information and updates about the Spanish Dual Language program at Countryside Elementary School.

Programming Update for K-5 STEAM: Staff presented updates on K-5 STEAM programming.

2025-26 Secondary Courses English Language Arts Year Two Recommendations: Staff presented information and recommendations for ELA course changes and proposals.

2025-2026 Secondary Courses General Change Recommendations: Staff presented information and recommendations for general course proposals.

International Travel Requests: Director De St. Hubert presented seven international student travel experience requests.

Process Check-In with Board: Board members discussed shared understanding about process, plans, and timelines for future presentations.

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Member Arom shared that the LAC is hosting school tours for legislators this Thursday.

Member Gabler shared that Give to the Max Day is also Thursday and encouraged people to support district-aligned partners, Edina Ed Fund and Edina Give and Go; Member Arom added Athletic Boosters to the list of district-aligned partners.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 PM, Member Gabler moved, and Member Huwe seconded to adjourn the meeting. All members voted Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

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