

Committee of the Whole Minutes
Wednesday, March 12, 2025 4:30 PM

Harlem Administration Center
8605 North Second St
Machesney Park, Illinois 61115

Equity MINUTES

7. **EQUITY:** (Approximately 60 minutes) Began at 4:50 p.m.

Administrator: Jason Blume, Assistant Superintendent for Communications & Community Relations

7.A. Roll Call: Evelyn Meeks, Jason Blume, Terrell Yarbrough, Pam Cook

Union: Elana-Schelling-Tufte/designee

E Team members:

Loves Park – Mike Valentine

Machesney-Abigail Edwards

Maple – Emily Bjork

Marquette – Brock Morlan

Olson Park – Marya Nelson

Parker Center – Erin Anderson

Ralston – Holly Perino

Rock Cut – Gloria Martinez

Windsor – Kasie Kosinski

High School – Dr. Jeremy Bois

Middle School – Jennifer Curless

7.B. Meeting Minutes Consensus: February 5, 2025

All aye

7.C. Public Comments (if any) None

7.D. Agenda Items

7.D.1. March Equity Theme: Community

Mike Valentine and Christy Grace presenting

Loves Park divided the monthly equity themes amongst the staff and then they put together a Power Point to create lesson plans for the teachers. Mr. Valentine presented the power point that was put together and a couple book read videos, “All Are Welcome” & “Circles All Around Us”. After each video book read with the students, there will be a discussion about the video. These videos help bring all the students together as Loves Park has many different programs like Life Skills and ELL, this will help inclusiveness.

Presenter: Windsor Elementary staff

7.D.2. Building Equity Highlights

Windsor- Inclusive- student in the Structured Teaching Program (STP) that use A.A.C. devices were invited to make the morning announcements.

Rock Cut – Access to Diverse Literature- First Chapter Fridays gives students to see themselves in the book and gives them a taste of it. Hopefully will make connections with the book and check it out.

Ralston – Black History- students were able to pick a person and research that person. Then created a SeeSaw presentation that were shown to their class.

Parker Center – Share Lessons & Read Aloud- This is to help student see and understand the different ability that their peers have.

Olson Park – Black History- Many projects were created, showed some highlights of some of the projects.

Marquette – Equity vs Equality- Oliver Octopus has different abilities that shows equality and equity.

Maple – Trauma Responsive- Trauma responsive school self-assessment and created an action plan to be better proactive.

Machesney- Buddy Class- students meet other students in different grades or classrooms to learn about each other.

Loves Park – Inclusive Environment- Try to foster all students, gen ed and special ed, are included in all areas like specials, recess, lunch, morning meeting.

Middle School – Black History- Students were able to showcase a black author. The librarian created a book talk and were able to click on that author to hear a snippet of the book.

High School- Educator Rising Group- Megan F. went to Bloomington for a conference and received 2nd place. She will be presenting at the National Conference. She is also involved in the intern program and is at Windsor. Town Hall is 3/19/25 which is led by students.

8. Next Meeting Date: April 9, 2025

i. Topic: Reflection

9. Adjourned at 5:06PM

Minutes taken by Pam Cook