



PARKROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3
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**Working Session of the Parkrose Board of Education of School
District No. 3, Multnomah County, Oregon
Tuesday, April 12, 2011**

M I N U T E S

A Working Session of the Board of Trustees of Parkrose School District 3 was held Tuesday, April 12, 2011, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Parkrose School District - Boardroom.

1. Call to Order - Working Session Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Chair Grassel called the Working Session meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. and welcomed those present.

Members present: Chair Ed Grassel, Vice Chair Guy Crawford, Board Member Adair Fernee, and Board Member Alesia Reese.

Others: Parkrose High School Principal Ana Gonzalez, Parkrose Middle School Principal Molly Davies, Director of Business Services Mary Larson, Director of Student Services Kathy Keim-Robinson, Director of Human Resources David McKay, Director of School Improvement Yuki Monteith, and Board Secretary Trista Crase.

Superintendent Karen Fischer Gray entered the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

2. Parking Lot

Chair Grassel shared a slide from a PowerPoint used during the Parkrose team's presentation at NSBA last week. He highlighted the math scores at the high school from 2004 until present and commented that the results at middle school and high school in math have doubled and the language arts scores have also improved substantially. Chair Grassel thanked those present in the room for their efforts to make this happen and said Parkrose is really doing a great job for kids and to remember to focus on where we have gone.

3. School Improvement Report - Yuki Monteith

A. AVID Presentation - Nerissa Ediza and Whitney Alfrey

Director Monteith introduced AVID Site Coordinators Nerissa Ediza and Whitney Alfrey. Ms. Ediza and Ms. Alfrey shared a PowerPoint on AVID and highlighted different pieces of information. Middle and high school students present in the audience shared their personal experiences in AVID and spoke

about the changes AVID has had for them in both their educational and personal lives.

B. School Improvement Poster Walk - Yuki Monteith

Director Monteith did the School Improvement Poster walk. She shared four posters on: Instruction, Assessments and Data Analysis, Standards and Benchmarks and Collaborative Teams. Director Monteith shared both the accomplishments and priorities listed on each poster.

C. Literacy Coaches

Director Monteith distributed a copy of the Literacy Coach Accomplishments for 2009-2011. She said the literacy coaches have coached teachers; finished the Rigby reading adoption; District work; attended PLC's and helped coach and analyze the teams; they are involved in helping teachers with technology; helped to advance RTI and set up systems for that; train teachers how to use ECBM (Easy CBM); helped with the data wall; assisted with OAKS/State testing; afterschool program; wrote a mini-grant for materials and books.

Ms. Reese asked if the Literacy Coaches are funded for another year. No, the funding for Literacy Coaches was provided through ARRA funds which will go away this year. Ms. Reese said when you see the activities being accomplished it is hard to imagine these people going away.

D. Cradle to Career Milestones

Director Monteith shared the 2011-2012 Milestones created in conjunction with the Cradle to Career initiative. These agreements were created by directors from area Districts and provide common measurements for comparing district progress to one another and getting students ready for college and career paths. Superintendent Gray said these milestones provide an overarching-overarching goal on how to measure progress while maintaining unique Parkrose goals and providing a common measurement across the board. Superintendent Gray said this item will be shared again at the April 25, 2011, Board meeting.

Superintendent recognized Vice Chair Crawford for being at the Board meeting tonight, as it is his birthday.

4. Initial Policy Review

A. Policy GDA - Educational Assistants

Superintendent Gray said the changes to this policy are required. Mr. Woods asked what the 'standards of moral character as required by teachers' means. Superintendent Gray will look into this before the next reading and hope to have the answer at the first reading.

B. Policy IKF - Graduation Requirements

Superintendent Gray said the changes in this a policy are required.

C. Policy IKF-AR - Graduation Requirements

Superintendent Gray said the changes in this administrative rule are required so that the administrative rule matches the policy.

D. Policy DI - Fiscal Accounting Reporting

Director Larson said Government Accounting and Standards Board (GASB) 54 has been a heated debate about how it was going to be implemented and was included in our audit letter that Parkrose should have something in place by June 30, 2011.

E. Policy DI-AR - Fund Balance Designation

Director Larson said the administrative rule addresses the GASB 54 ruling by the Government Accounting and Standards Board effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. It states that the ending fund balance for all funds must be designated in the categories set forth by GASB 54. Director Larson shared an example of how it would look for Parkrose funds based on the classifications.

5. Budget - Mary Larson

Director Larson's budget item was to address the GASB 54 information which she did during the Initial Policy Reading portion of the meeting.

6. Adjournment

Chair Grassel adjourned the April 12, 2011, Work Session meeting at 7:15 p.m.