



Robbinsdale Area Schools School Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 14, 2011 at 5:30 PM

Work Session

Education Service Center Boardroom, 4148 Winnetka Avenue North,
New Hope, Minnesota

1. Welcome
Presenter: Chair Van Heel
Time: 5:30 p.m.
2. School Board Discussion Regarding Community Conversations 2
Time: 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
3. Update on Work of Magnets/Partnerships
Presenter: Lori Simon
Time: 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.
4. Break
Time: 6:45 - 7:00 p.m.
5. Resolution in Support of Hennepin County Dropout Recovery Efforts 4
Presenter: Superintendent Sicoli
Time: 7:00 - 7:15 p.m.
6. Schedule Additional Lighthouse Workshop Dates 6
Presenter: Chair Van Heel
Time: 7:15 - 7:30 p.m.
7. Board Sub-Committee to Plan Summer Retreat
Time: 7:30 - 7:45 p.m.
8. Adjourn

School Outreach Efforts to Families

Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rockford Road Library – Accelerated Reader available for Families • Partnerships with St. James and city of Crystal – volunteers, support, outreach • Ongoing connections with families in shelters • Curriculum meetings • EWCS brings in and reaches out to families • EL & Title I Nights • PTO Calls families prior to PTO nights • Family movie nights and spring picnic • Home visits when needed • Transportation provided when needed
Lakeview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer program with Copperfield Hill students going there and residents volunteering at Lakeview • Continuing to develop more outreach programs through our parents of color committee
Meadow Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met at apartment building for a PTO welcome get to know you meeting • Latino family nights • Book club for families held at school with dinner • Movie nights • Family reading, math, and science nights • High school and middle school visits to Meadow Lake
Neill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal kindergarten home visits in summer • Assisted Living Complex has adopted school and donates - principal visits, serves as guest speaker • AHS students volunteer in school • In-school events • Family nights for math and reading • New Hope Church connection
Noble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing partnership with Valley of Peace Lutheran Church • Initiating parent diversity group (March) • Neighborhood pre-k events • Family literacy night • Spaghetti dinner/Pancake breakfast • Community volunteers through VIP • Grimes Avenue area outreach efforts • High school volunteers for school events • Reaching out to parents to be involved with playground committee
Northport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eden Park – ECFE & Northport partnership to provide pre-school programming at EP was done in fall • PTA meeting will be held in the spring at EP
Sonnesyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish speaking family nights • New Hope Church partnership • In school activities (Grandfriends Day, Donuts with Dads, Moms, etc.)
Zachary Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Hope Church partnership • Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church partnership

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Person's Day • Armstrong & NHS, Child Psychology Department • Neighborhood coffee meeting with Dr. Sicoli
RSI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit other schools on kindergarten registration nights to discuss RSI option
Robbinsdale Middle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latino family nights • African American Parent Involvement Day
Plymouth Middle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African American Parent Involvement Day • PMS Parent Day
Cooper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with families at Eden Park • Home visits • Meeting on the north side with community members to address concerns and plan how to support the north side using the CIY program
Armstrong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual community event at AHS with feeder elementaries and PMS (parent involvement from every school) • Parent nights



Agenda Item
2/14/2011

TO: Members of the School Board

FROM: Aldo Sicoli, Superintendent

DATE: January 24, 2011

RE: Hennepin County/Superintendents Dropout Prevention Partnership

DISCUSSION:

At the January 10, 2011 School Board Work Session I provided an update on the Hennepin County/Superintendents Dropout Prevention Partnership efforts. Superintendents of Hennepin County school districts met on January 21, 2011, with dropout prevention efforts as an agenda item. During a discussion regarding a proposal for next steps, it was decided to delve further into the data before deciding how to proceed. Approval of School Board resolutions is sought before March 1, 2011 and could result in increased opportunities to obtain philanthropic funding for these efforts. If the School Board expresses interest, the administration will bring the resolution to the School Board for action at its February 23, 2011 meeting.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HENNEPIN COUNTY
DROPOUT RECOVERY EFFORTS**

WHEREAS, over 3800 students drop out of Hennepin County high schools every year;
and

WHEREAS, these are disproportionately poor and minority students; and

WHEREAS, these 3800 students will lose an estimated \$1.1 billion in lifetime earnings
and use an estimated \$430 million in social services over the same period; and

WHEREAS, mobility across districts necessitates regional cooperation; and

WHEREAS, leaders of local government entities in Hennepin County are committed to
increasing graduation rates and recognize that, collectively, they have the necessary leadership
and vision to bring about this change; and

WHEREAS, increasing the graduation rate calls for school districts and Hennepin County
to modify and align systems to share data and integrate service delivery that will provide the
flexibility and comprehensive approach needed to meet the needs of the whole student; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that elements of a Countywide solution already exist and provide a
foundation for robust collaboration, such as (1) the pilot projects to share data and school social workers,
and (2) Area Learning Center (ALC) funding and choice framework that allows school districts to provide
programs and services to students who are at risk of, or who have dropped out; and

WHEREAS, aligning and modifying current systems might also require legislative changes to
support an integrated regional approach,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School
District No. 281, Robbinsdale Area Schools, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The Board shares the goal of increasing Hennepin County's graduation rate from 68%
to 80% by 2015; and
2. The Board is committed to collaborating with other local government entities in
Hennepin County to accomplish this goal.
3. The Board will examine practices that may interfere with attaining this goal.

Date

Barb Van Heel, Board Chair

Mark Bomchill, Board Clerk



MEMO

DATE: February 14, 2011

TO: Members of the School Board, Superintendent Sicoli, and Members of the Cabinet

FROM: Barb Van Heel, School Board Chair

RE: Lighthouse Workshop Dates

We have completed four of the eight chapters in the Leadership for Student Learning guidebook (the Lighthouse project). Rather than trying to squeeze the remaining four chapters into our next four work sessions, I propose that we schedule two additional workshop meetings in the next three of months to finish the guidebook. I understand this does mean two more meetings for all of us, but I believe this would allow us to pay due diligence to the Lighthouse work without feeling pressed for time during work sessions.

We can choose two of the following four evenings:

Wednesday, March 2, 5:30 – 8:30

Wednesday, April 6, 5:30 – 8:30

Wednesday, April 13, 5:30 – 8:30

Wednesday, May 18, 5:30 – 8:30

Please bring your calendars to the February 14 work session.