

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

April 2007 Meeting Recap

Referendum Success – Update:

Chrissy Poppen and Dr. Rydland summarized the efforts put forth by the West Aurora Volunteers for Education committee, parents, and staff to ensure the success of the April 17th referendum. Chrissy reviewed all of the work that was done and thanked everyone for their own efforts at their schools and in their neighborhoods. Dr. Rydland echoed these sentiments and let everyone know how important the passage was for the future of the kids of this district. The SCAC Reps thanked Dr. Rydland for his tireless efforts in communicating the “message” to our parents and community! Each Representative was then given an opportunity to fill out a worksheet to solicit their ideas on how District 129 can assure accountability with our parents and community as we move forward.

SCAC Membership Discussion:

Discussion took place on the process to fill the SCAC Representative role at each school. All Reps agreed having one representative from each school and having a child at that school would still be the basic criteria. In regards to SCAC Rep selection, it was decided that the current SCAC Representative and the PTA/O/SO President would submit names of candidates. Then, the school Principal would get involved to make the final decision.

Given that many parent group organizations are making plans for leadership for the next school year, decisions need to be made on what role, if any, a SCAC Representative would play with those parent groups. All agreed that that decision is best left to the each SCAC Rep and his/her school's PTA/O/SO leadership. Everyone agreed, however, that communication between the SCAC Rep and the parent organization is crucial. In addition, each SCAC needs to be very visible at his/her school. More specifics will be added to the SCAC Organization Guidelines and this discussion will continue at future meetings.

VISION 129 – Teaching and Learning:

Time Discussion: All Reps were given the time charts and graphs that have been shared at recent Board meetings. The Reps were asked to process this information and form questions for discussion at the May meeting. At that May meeting, Barb Vlasvich, Erin Slater, Pat Butler, Deb Quinn, and Deb Meyers will be in attendance to present more information in regards “time” and will be available to answer questions.

VISION 129 – Facilities:

ADA Study: The Reps were given a copy of the study done by Steven Nourse. They were asked to read it and be ready to discuss those issues at a future meeting when we discuss facilities again.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m.

West Aurora High School – Room B140