

# SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

## August Meeting Recap

### **2009-10 Overview:**

The meeting began with a welcome and introductions. In reviewing some “housekeeping” details, it was explained that a SCAC group photo will be taken at the September meeting and ID badges should be available at that same meeting. (As a reminder, Representatives are encouraged to wear the IDs when present in a school building or other district buildings.) Representatives were given 09-10 contact information, agenda plans and a meeting schedule. In reviewing the meeting schedule, the Representatives were told about the Study Sessions that have been scheduled to review and update each component of Vision 129 with the Board of Education. (These Sessions are scheduled for the second Monday of select months). In an effort to promote the line of communication between parents and district administration, the SCAC Reps were encouraged to contact their school’s parent community via some type of self-introduction letter.

### **Parent Leadership:**

A brief discussion began about individual school parent leadership groups. The SCAC Representatives were encouraged to attend their school’s PTA/O/SO meetings and share recaps from the SCAC meetings. Dr. Rydland explained that the district would be meeting with the leadership of the parent groups during the 09-10 school year to provide support to these parents.

### **Vision 129:**

Dr. Rydland began by reviewing each component of Vision 129. Dr. Rydland is looking to the SCAC team to provide feedback on many subjects that will be discussed this year in regards to Teaching and Learning. With regards to Fiscal Responsibility, the SCAC will receive a district budget update and an update on the status of state funding. For Facilities, Dr. Rydland will give an overview of the plan for district buildings and operations. And, with Community Involvement, Dr. Rydland will look to SCAC to make sure district communication is at the level it should be. Dr. Rydland reminded the Representatives that their feedback and input would be shared with the Teaching and Learning team, the Board of Education and district administration.

### **Master Calendar:**

To cover the next agenda topic, the SCAC Representatives were given a copy of the District 129 master calendar for the 09-10 school year, (as of Monday, August 24). Dr. Rydland asked the Reps to consider what events should be placed on the master (district) calendar. He also asked about what events they felt should be coordinated between feeder schools and/or other district schools. As the discussion began, the Representatives asked about what criteria was used to add an event to the district calendar. In addition, they encouraged school administration/Office Professionals to use the district calendar and to check the calendar before scheduling certain events. The Representatives then broke into groups for discussion purposes.

## **Field Trips:**

Since field trips have been a topic of discussion at recent Board of Education meetings, Dr. Rydland wanted to make sure the Representatives were updated on the current status. He explained that the Teaching and Learning team had spent time researching field trips at the Elementary level. (This same process will be followed at the middle and high school levels in the future). Teaching and Learning was tasked with determining how field trips were being used, how they related to a particular grade level and what Priority Learning Targets were being met as a result of a trip. He feels that a student should have the same experience at a grade level regardless of what District 129 school he/she is attending. Many questions were asked. This subject will be discussed again at a future SCAC meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:           Monday, September 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**West Aurora High School – Room B140**