

NORTHVILLE BOARD BRIEFS

2007/08

March 18, 2008

Board of Education Meetings

04/08/08	Old Village (ECC Program)
04/22/08	Ridge Wood Elementary
05/13/08	Old Village School
05/27/08	Amerman Elementary
06/10/08	Cooke (Center Program)
06/24/08	Old Village School

Board of Education

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At a Regular Second meeting of the Board of Education at Thornton Creek Elementary School, 46180 Nine Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, the Board took the following action:

- The Board approved the following consent agenda items: a) Minutes of the 3/11/08 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education; and b) Authorization for Board members to temporarily serve as Secretary of the Board of Education for the purpose of signing graduation diplomas.
- The Board met at 7:00 p.m. to visit the School Culture Fair where booths were set up from Lego Robotics, Chess Club, Spirit Week, Outdoor Classroom and the School Theme – *Have you Filled a Bucket?* Short student presentations were made to Board members and Central Office staff as they visited each booth.
- Principal Sharon Irvine presented Thornton Creek's School Improvement Goals and Initiatives via PowerPoint. She explained that the data provided in December at the district level has been revised. Ms. Irvine took the MEAP scores and disaggregated them in order for teams to meet and decipher results. She explained that a score of "1" (highest) and "2" were passing and means the students are proficient in that area. The number "3" means students are partially proficient and not passing; "4" is deficient and not passing. As her data indicated, Thornton Creek is proficient by large numbers. In the area of Writing, they are scoring "2s." The data Ms. Irvine prepared was showing MEAP scores from 2005/06 vs 2006/07.
- Ms. Irvine also looked at 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes to see how they are performing. She prepared charts showing results in Reading, Writing and Math. Ms. Irvine said all staff participates in the School Improvement Goals. Some of the goals are: Thornton Creek students will improve Writing, provide application of Civics, and promote School Culture. Regarding the Writing Goal, staff wants to improve metacognition in writing, improve quality of student writing to a formal prompt, and increase writing for authentic purposes. She explained the research conducted on the "whole child" and cited recommendations to achieve that goal.
- Ms. Irvine stated they are working on the Emotional aspect of the "whole child." Next year or two, Thornton Creek will concentrate on Physical and Cognitive goals. Vice President Smith thanked Ms. Irvine for her extensive analysis and interpretation of the MEAP results. Dr. Rezmierski was impressed with her integration and analysis as it relates back to the teacher on where the students are going and where they came

- from. He thanked Ms. Irvine and the staff on the evolution of activities from Lego Robotics and Chess Club. to “Filling the Bucket.”
- The Board approved the following policies for reaffirmation: 5118 – Non-Resident Students and 6168 – Corporal Punishment
- The Board approved Policy 5125 – On-Line Learning for first reading.
- The Board approved the hiring of Ms. Diana Hoffman as the third Assistant Principal of Northville High School.
- The Board moved to enter in Executive Session for purposes of negotiations.

Meeting/Events	Date	Time	Location
Special Call Board Meeting	04/01/08	6:00 p.m. w/dinner	COA 302
Board Study Session	04/03/08	6:00 p.m. w/dinner	COA 302

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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