

**Board of Education  
Worth School District 127**

Dr. Rosemary Lucas Administrative Center, Conference Room  
11218 South Ridgeland Avenue, Worth, IL 60482

**Minutes of the October 14, 2008 Education Committee Meeting**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Carol Kats called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Kats appointed Danette Keeler as member of the Education Committee Pro-tem.

Present: Carol Kats, Danette Keeler, Dr. Wojtylewski

Absent: Marty Flanagan, Jeanne Lahey

Invited Guests: Pete Yuska, Joe Smyth, Tim Hathhorn, Joe Zampillo, Tracy Flood, Tavia Floyd

2. **CITIZENS' REMARKS – AGENDA ITEMS**

No remarks were made.

3. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

To accommodate invited guests, Dr. Wojtylewski asked that discussion begin with Item D., Professional Learning Communities.

D. Professional Learning Communities

Pete Yuska, Joe Smyth, Tim Hathhorn, and Joe Zampillo reported on the Great Lakes Professional Learning Communities Summit Conference in September. The conference, attended by the principals and two teachers from each school, focused on learning in a collaborative model, teaching to the whole child, and concepts that underlie communities.

Dr. Wojtylewski expressed the administration's commitment to continued support in the area of staff development and providing opportunity and encouragement of horizontal and vertical articulation between the grade levels and buildings.

A. State Student Assessment Analysis

Dr. Wojtylewski provided the committee members with copies of the School Report Cards. She congratulated the staff and students for their hard work and efforts that resulted in the schools and District making AYP.

Tim Hathhorn, Joe Zampillo and Tracy Flood commented on the test data. They shared thoughts on the individual school data and plans for continued growth in all areas.

B. Rtl Plan

Tavia Floyd reported on early discussions for building a system across the District using data to identify students at-risk before they fail. Discussions with Rtl facilitators from

each of the buildings focused on curriculum, assessment data, and the need for input from the general education teachers.

Dr. Wojtylewski stated that the District's plan will be filed with the Illinois State Board of Education as required, by January 1, 2009, and enhanced as assessments and interventions are developed.

C. Curriculum Updates

Dr. Wojtylewski and Pete Yuska provided information on curriculum plans. Title I funds will be used to support after-school programs beyond homework clubs to provide tutorial support for "at risk" students. The Illinois Textbook Loan monies, if available, will be used for the purchase of health textbooks for the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. The administration is also in the early stages of discussion of options to expand the Encore program at the junior high level. As a source of information, it was suggested that the specials staff visit other school structures during institute/in-service days and report back to the administration.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

There were no committee reports or requests.

The next committee meeting will be scheduled for a date in January 2009. At this meeting the committee will be provided with an update on discussions of possibly expanding the Encore program.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Danette Keeler moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Carol Kats seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – 2 Aye, 2 Absent - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted:

Carol A. Kats  
Chairperson