

SWAC Meeting

Minutes for February 2, 2015

The South Winneshiek Advisory Committee met on February 2, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., with 11 members present. Present were: Wendy Huinker, Karla Winter, Nicole Ondrashek, Kim Kuhn, Pat Schissel, Mae Becker, Connie Euans, Margie Holien, Mary Recker, Barb Schwamman, and Clark Goltz.

Future Directions Committee Update: Approximately 50 people volunteered to serve on the Future Direction committee. Twenty-five members are needed. The committee should be a cross section of parents, classified staff, teaching staff, and community members. There will be lottery selection for the seats at the next board meeting. The committee will then elect a chair and set meeting dates. There were 100 responses to the surveys that were sent regarding the future of our school district.

2015-2016 Calendar draft: The Advisory Committee looked at a calendar draft from the conference superintendents' meeting (see attached calendar). The schools in our conference are trying to set a common calendar that will help in sharing Professional Development, and sharing staff. Since the last calendar meeting, it has been proposed to have eight or nine all day in-services instead of monthly or twice monthly early outs. These all day in-services would save the district in transportation costs. These all day in-services would be for Professional Development or PLC time. Barb shared the survey results from staff and parents about in-service days and frequency.

Vision and Mission Statements—Mary shared three vision statements: the current vision statement, one that was proposed by High School leadership team, and one that our guidance counselors have mirrored. She also shared the current mission statement, a proposed statement, and a mirrored statement. After discussion and a few changes the Vision and Mission Statements were approved by SWAC.

The next meeting was set for September, 2015. Meeting was adjourned at 6:27.

Respectfully submitted, Margie Holien
Vision Statement

The vision of the South Winneshiek Community School District, with shared responsibility of home and community, is to provide the best environment to develop skills needed to be responsible, life-long learners within the school and community.

Mission Statement

The mission of the South Winneshiek Community School District program is to assist and ensure that every student achieves his/her level of educational excellence in the areas of academic, career, and social/emotional development through a collaborative partnership with students, family, educators, and community.