

OAK GROVE SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

July 8-10, 2009

Special Board of Education Meeting

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DECISIONS

Parking Lot and Drainage Project

The Board approved a \$12,000 addition to the Greenhills Construction parking lot and drainage project to re-grade the surface by the dumpsters, add new paved bike rack area by the Jr. High Gym and reinforce the elementary lot where the pavement sunk over the electrical trench. These changes will improve the safety of the parking lot as well as potentially add a few more spaces.

Updated Summer Projects List

The Board approved the updated summer projects list including the parking lot project addition as well as other maintenance and safety items to address basement mold, worn carpet, and broken skylight and exhaust fans.

INFORMATION

Strategic Planning Workshop --

A Strategic Planning Team met with the purpose to develop a District Strategic Plan with input from the staff, administrators, community and Board. The process was facilitated by planning consultant, Larry Fugelsten, experienced in school district strategic planning and recommended by both Lake Bluff and District #128. A total of 37 participated in the 2.5 day session including 11 parents, 14 staff, 5 administrators, and all 7 board members.

The process took hours of discussion and refinement over 3 days. Together, the Team discussed common beliefs, renewed our District mission statement, analyzed internal and external factors affecting our school, and identified strategic initiatives for the next 3 years which align to our mission. The Board is grateful to everyone on the team for energy put into the drafting our strategic plan. The next step will be to gain Board approval on what we have so far and gather volunteers for Action Planning teams who will design plans to achieve each initiative.

Oak Grove School District # 68

Strategic Plan Draft

July 10, 2009

Mission

Educating and inspiring students to reach their potential in an ever-changing world

Beliefs

- Education prepares our children to embrace diversity in a global society.
- Each individual has value and unique potential.
- Respectful, supportive partnerships among students, school staff, parents and community promote positive learning.
- Caring relationships and a safe, engaging environment promote learning.
- Critical thinking, creativity, and problem solving are essential life skills.
- Learning requires a willingness to take risks and make mistakes.
- Interdisciplinary connections strengthen learning.

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- All students can learn.
- The process of continuous improvement is essential in an ever-changing world.
- Education has the power to change lives.
- Excellence in teaching promotes excellence in learning.
- Education the whole child creates good citizens.
- Self-awareness enhances a person's ability to learn.
- Challenge promotes growth.
- Accountability promotes desired outcomes.
- Students learn in different ways.
- Honest effective communication promotes a healthy school community.
- Children are our primary focus.

Strategic Parameters

- We will not tolerate demeaning behavior or harassment by anyone.
- We will be prudent stewards of all the school's resources.
- We will not tolerate verbal, physical, or cyber abuse, including all forms of bullying.
- We will not tolerate abuse of personal or school property.
- We will not tolerate alcohol, drugs, tobacco or weapons on school grounds or at school sponsored events and activities.
- We will promote actions and behaviors that model the 6 Pillars of Character.

Strategic Objectives

- Each student will meet or exceed state standards and district outcomes.
- Each student will demonstrate fundamental and emerging skills necessary to be successful in the 21st Century.
- All students will demonstrate age-appropriate understanding of the diversity in our society.
- All students will demonstrate the 6 Pillars of Character.
- All learners will demonstrate growth consistent with their potential.

Strategic Initiatives

- We will continue the CCC process to develop an aligned curriculum with common assessments to determine whether all students are meeting or exceeding state standards and district outcomes.
- We will research and implement options for students not achieving at acceptable academic levels.
- We will continue to develop and implement a technology plan that supports student, staff, and community.
- We will continue to research, prioritize and allocate resources for staff development related to the Strategic Plan.
- We will study, select, and integrate 21st Century skills.

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RECOGNITION

Thank you Strategic Planning Team. The Board is grateful to you for dedicating your time and contributing so positively to our Draft Strategic Plan.

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