

CREVE COEUR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76  
Board Retreat  
400 N Highland Ave  
Creve Coeur, Illinois  
January 28, 2017

In attendance, Linda Bailey, Val Ragon, Katherine Ragon, Pam Greiner, Randy Giddens, Savanna Tyler, Superintendent Tony Whiston and Principals Mic McCormick (a.m.) and Steve Johnson (p.m.) Absent: Brenda Keogel

Mrs. Bailey called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Mr. McCormick and the Board discussed the following items for LaSalle School.

1. Cameras – Mr. McCormick does not feel the cameras are top priority
2. Caulking the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade windows (approx. \$1300)
3. Replacing the bulbs in the gym
4. Painting the exterior classroom doors and 4-6 classrooms per year.  
The classrooms are to have 3 off-white walls and 1 wall a different color that all grade level teachers agree on.
5. The atmosphere in the building was discussed with it being suggested that the staff and teachers should take extra effort to welcome parents and grandparents into the school.

Regarding a new ELA series, Mr. McCormick stated that the current series is very out of date and many of the workbooks are no longer available. The new math series is being used by all the teachers at LaSalle and teachers and students seem to like it.

Personnel needs were discussed.

The Board discussed the following items for Parkview with Mr. Johnson:

1. ELA series – An update would be beneficial. We are now using our own resources. It was decided that a teacher committee should be formed to investigate a new ELA series on some of the SIP days this year.
2. Mr. Johnson expressed some concern about the new math series. Not of the teachers are able to get through one lesson a day even with the extended period. He hopes that will improve next year once they are more familiar with the series.
3. The flex periods are a work in progress but it is nice that the full band is able to meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday during this time.
4. The atmosphere in the building is not quite where we want it to be. More collaboration is needed.

5. Mr. Johnson discussed the ideas of open gym for basketball, cheer camps, etc be provided for all students during the summer. He also explained that a track program would help this time of the year since the rest of the activities are coming to an end.
6. Mr. Johnson suggested that a consultant for the new math series be considered for a future in-service day. It would cost approximately \$4000-\$5000 but they would be familiar with the new series and could work with the math teachers.
7. Leveling classrooms by ability was discussed for next year.
8. Mr. Johnson asked that the Board consider telephones in the classrooms. This would make it easier for parent/teacher communication.
9. Mr. Johnson explained some of the social media problems at the school and suggested having the new DARE officer and other agencies speak to the students about the repercussions that can happen from their actions.

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The Board and Mr. Whiston discussed the Superintendent evaluation tools presented and agreed upon one to be used with some minor changes. Mrs. Tyler will make those changes and bring the revised copies to the Board.

As part of the evaluation tool, these four goals were discussed and agreed upon:

1. Pursue a new ELA series
2. Improve the PARCC tests results for 2016-2017 by 10%
3. Make recommendations regarding the status of the Homewood Heights building
4. Attend and be visible for at least 3 community events in Creve Coeur.

Mrs. Bailey, seconded by Mrs. Greiner, made the motion to adjourn at 3:05 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE-Yeas were Giddens, Katherine Ragon, Val Ragon, Tyler, Greiner and Bailey. Nays were none. Motion carried