

Education Committee Minutes

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

6:30 Nokomis Library

Members Present: Ken Sands, Samantha Brown, Susie Hopkins, Robin McNeil, Winn Price, Chad Stratton, Jennifer Watson

Members Absent: Chris Pepin (Unexcused)

Others Present: Mike Hammer, Josh Grant

I. **Public Comment** - None

- II. **Technology Presentation** - Kern Kelly drafted a scope of grade level content, hardware and software for each school across the District. Josh Grant gave further details on the progress he and his staff have made in relation to inventory, re-distribution of old machines, new machine distribution and some areas he will focus on in the future. It would benefit the District to have some high school classes related to technology and to more efficiently use the staff that Josh has.

It was also noted that staff and students would benefit from further professional development in the area of technology. Upgrading the devices without providing training in how to use the technology will not move the District forward. We have made some gains but are still far behind in this area. Josh's budget will reflect increases to continue to move the District forward. This is an area that is important to the Education Committee, Technology Director and Superintendent.

- III. **Required Readings** - Mr. Hammer had distributed a reading list from Mary indicating at what grade level and content students are coming in contact with reading at the high school. Jennifer Watson also indicated that Somerset has a list that students can choose from and some choice is involved for summer reading.

The Committee felt that the readings were comprehensive, "a little on the negative/morose; however, in line with accepted reading. Questions remaining include: how we select new books, delete or discontinue readings. The consensus was that the teachers are professional and will choose appropriate content with a mix of old and new. Secondly, who uses APA format and MLA format for writing and where these come into instruction?

IV. **Other** - None

V. **Items for Next Agenda** - Kindergarten Jumpstart (including any data on 2nd graders having gone through that program), NWEA/State testing data, population of students and their migration

VI. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Hammer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Hammer
Superintendent of Schools