

**Meeting Minutes
Community Review Committee (CRC)
Wilmette Public Schools District 39
December 8, 2009**

Committee Members Present: Debby Atwater, Maria Baird, Cassandra Black, Kathleen Boehm, Laura Born, Rebecca Boyd, Beth Cormody, Romy DeCristofaro, Adam Denenberg, Katy Forsyth, Susan Fortier, Debbie Greif, John Gridley, Julia Grosh, Jane Hornstein, Raymond Lechner, Chris Leutz, Daniel Murray, Frank Panzica, Tracy Peacock, Pam Rezek, Harvey Schmidt, Carolyn Sennett, Karee Wallach, Denise Welter

Committee Members Absent or Excused: Steve Becker, Beth Burke, Marlene Dondival, Mindy Douthit, Melanie Horowitz, Diane Phillips, John Walker, Barbara Ungar

1. Introductory Remarks/President's Presidents

Susan Fortier called the meeting to order at 7:05. The minutes from the November 3, 2009 meeting were approved.

2. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Lechner discussed the School Improvement Plans developed at the elementary schools, noting that these plans stressed measurable goals and objectives -- SMART goals -- including a number related to Green School initiatives. He also reported on the H1N1 clinics planned for later in the month.

3. Village-Wide PTO Report

Carolyn Sennett attended the most recent meeting and reported that the group had discussed what to do with \$12,000 in excess funds it was holding. The group could not come to an agreement about whether to give the money back to the schools or to use it for something, and it was decided that the PTA presidents would go back to the PTA members of their respective schools to ask for guidance. She also noted that incorporating 21st century skills into the enrichment activities being planned for next year was mentioned during the course the PTO discussions, with last year's CRC report specifically referenced.

4. Board of Education Report

There was no Board of Education Report.

5. Committee Discussion

The Research and Survey subcommittee reported on the work they had done to develop a survey aimed at gauging the teachers' impressions and understanding of 21st century themes, learning how the teachers would prioritize the themes, and collecting thoughts on any obstacles that might exist in incorporating the themes into the curriculums. Tracy Peacock walked through the survey questions and asked for input. She noted that the teachers had been asked to bring their laptops to the teacher-education presentations so they can complete the brief survey on-line immediately following the presentations.

Beth Burke of the Parent/Community Communications subcommittee reported on the Wiki (Google site) she had developed for the CRC, explaining it is simply a quick way to allow for editing on a website. The URL for the Wiki is snipurl.com/wps-crc. She walked through the functionality of the Wiki and assigned each CRC members the task of creating their own page describing a little about themselves as "homework". She noted that each CRC subcommittee has its own page on the Wiki.

The Teacher Education subcommittee briefly discussed the upcoming presentations, encouraging all CRC committee members to attend if interested. They indicated they would like at least one CRC member to attend in addition to either Laura Born or Pam Rezek, who will be taking the lead on the presentations.

The Strategic Plan subcommittee reported on its progress.

The members broke into subcommittee groups at approximately 7:30.

The full committee briefly reconvened at 8:50. Members were reminded that the next meeting is on January 11th. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.