

## **SLAC Committee Special Meeting**

Monday, July 20, 2009

**Present:** Amy Amspacher, Wendy Andrews, Kris Armitage, Beth Fox, Lisa Freeman, Allison Henneman, Krista Hoak, Wendy Laubach, Kate Norton, Stephanie Palic, Holly Steger and Dr. Gene Freeman.

Amy Amspacher called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

### **SLAC By-Laws**

A special meeting was held to approve the revised SLAC By-Laws discussed at the June 4, 2009, special meeting. The revised by-laws were approved.

### **Questions to Dr. Freeman**

At the completion of the By-Law discussion, Dr. Freeman graciously fielded a variety of questions from various committee members. Here are some highlights.

There was a general discussion of the drug and alcohol concerns in the High School. The school is looking to hold students accountable for bad decisions, help them make better decisions in the future and make students aware there are consequences for inappropriate behavior. There are related programs planned for the coming year.

Early advanced readers in the elementary schools may not be adequately challenged by the regular reading curriculum. Bucher has a program in place for such students, but it does not exist in the other schools. Dr. Freeman will look into it and see what can be done.

The School Resource Officer (a police officer in the high school) originally discussed in March is not yet in place for the fall. The school has fulfilled its side of the obligations, including budgeting for 75% of the salary, but is waiting for the other 25% to be finalized.

The District is expecting a large jump in their contribution to the PSERS (Pennsylvania School Employees' Retirement System) in the next couple of years due to the economy. Our district is in a good position to pay the additional money, but things may get a little tighter as a result.

Dr. Freeman would like to see more parent involvement in the Middle School and the High School. It is typical for parents to become less involved with their children's education as students become more independent, but it is still important to stay informed and involved with the schools whenever possible.

### **Possible meeting topics**

Music Curriculum for grades k-12 - Specifically, how is the curriculum determined and how often is it updated?

Physical Education for grades k-12 - There were some questions at a previous meeting regarding acceptable substitute activities for missed classes at the high school level.

DARE – Most are familiar with the elementary program, but what is done in grades 6 – 12?

Security in a large emergency – Some of the specific plans need to be kept confidential, but a general overview could be discussed.

Special needs programming in all grade levels.

What sort of Anti-Bullying programs are in place and how big of an issue is bullying?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 14, 2009, 7:00pm in the District Office.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie T. Palic

Attachments: Revised SLAC By-Laws