

ISD 877 Board of Education Workshop

Monday, March 14, 2022

4:30 PM

Northwinds Elementary

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Buffalo, MN 55313

MINUTES

Present: Ken Ogden, Sue Lee, Adam Bjorklund, Melissa Brings, Amanda Lawrence, Amanda Reineck, Bob Sansevere

Absent: None

1. Presentation: Carmen Tubbs, Northwinds Principal

Heather Stowman, SPED Teacher and the Circle of Friends program - with the many specially designed classrooms, this program provides inclusion opportunities and educates students. Students can volunteer to be a buddy. Students learn about disabilities. Many communication devices are used and placed in various spaces. Inclusion is key for both sides. Invited board members to attend end of year activities.

2. Out-of-State Trips – Germany/France

Presenters: Michele Strassburg and Jason Swanson, BHS World Languages Teachers

France trip is for spring 2023 and takes place every other year so that students from France can come to Minnesota on the off year. COVID stopped trips in 2021 and 2022. Students must be in Level III French. Also watching the current events happening in Ukraine, etc.

German trip is for summer 2023 and is more of a travel program and students do not stay with families. Will visit a school for a day. Has received some grant monies to help keep trip affordable.

3. Quarterly Financial Update

Presenter: Miranda Kramer, Controller

The December 31st quarterly financial update was provided. Community Services and Nutrition Services budgets are improving. Overall, expenditures as a percentage of the budget are 37.83%.

4. Quarterly Investment Report

Presenter: Ryan Tangen, Director of Finance and Operations

Reviewed the quarterly cash and investment position of the district. Current interest rates are low producing lower earnings.

5. Committee Reports

AL – 877 Foundation

AR – Interested in forming an Open Enrollment Committee

SL – WTC, SEAC, Teacher Negotiations

MB – Teacher Negotiations

6. Other

Adjourned at 5:20 p.m.