

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
EVERGREEN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
AND
THE EVERGREEN PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 2, 2014
Multi-purpose room, Central Junior High School

A special joint meeting of the Board of Education of Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 and the Evergreen Park Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:34 pm.

Present from SD 124 were Kathy Rohan, Kim Leonard, Gina Canon, Dawn McNamara, and Ray Richter. Mary Pniewski and Julie Eagan were absent. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Robert Machak and Administrative Staff.

Present from Evergreen Park Public Library were Kim Shine, Elizabeth Topa, Tina Ward, Deborah Pearson, Kathy Savory, and Helen Tomczuk. Virginia Chandler was absent with prior notification. Also present was Library Director Nicki Seidl.

Kathy Rohan led the Boards in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration was made by the Boards to approve the agenda. A request was made by Kathy Rohan to move Action Items V after Public Comments. A motion was made by Kathy Rohan and seconded by Dawn McNamara to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

The following items were discussed:

1. The possibility of having a library card included on the student's ID at Central Junior High. Nicki Seidl spoke of the benefits of removing barriers so that all students have a library card. Evergreen Park Community High School has successfully partnered with the Library for several years, with minimal issues. Mrs. Sparks said Central Junior High administration has looked into a new student ID machine that would incorporate a barcode for student lunches on the reverse of the card. Dr. Machak said students at Central are required to keep the IDs in their locker at the end of the day, and he would not want students to have multiple IDs. More discussion between the school and the library to follow.
2. Nicki Seidl reported that she is working with Kathy Hatzcel and Anne Thompson on a \$5,000 grant to purchase materials for the library that are tied to Next Generation Science Standards. Ms. Seidl requested a way to establish a regular line of communication with SD124 so that the library could better support the school curriculum. Dr. Machak mentioned that parents surveyed during the strategic planning process revealed information on different types of enrichment programs they would like offered. After discussion, it was determined that Ms. Seidl could attend an Administrative Council meeting each month to keep aware of areas in the curriculum in which the public library could provide support.

3. Ms. Seidl reported that the library received a grant to construct an area in the library that teens could use after school. She spoke of the need to have other productive avenues after school for this population, preferably a joint effort between the Village, school district, library and recreation department. Mrs. Sparks listed current programs that are available to students after school at the junior high, and Mrs. Canon spoke of a supervised program offered after school at Bethel Church. The complex issues of funding, space, and supervision were discussed, as well as older students working with younger students, and a community component of PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support).
4. SD Board President Kathy Rohan gave an overview of the 1:1 initiative taking place in the district.
5. Ms. Seidl explained the benefits of an Educator Library Card, advising who qualified and the application process. The Evergreen Park Library's goal is to have 100% participation for district educators.

At 7:45 pm Nicki Seidl thanked the SD124 Board of Education for hosting the joint meeting in order to make the best use of our shared resources. At that time she and the Trustees of the Evergreen Park Public Library left the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicki Seidl".

Nicki Seidl, Secretary Pro-Tem