

PLC Meeting

- Budget Shake Up Around Table
 - What do we know?
 - What advice do we have?
 - This is all hard none of it is easy
 - Other districts are struggling and will have cost containment issues as well
 - Wayzata: reductions 7M last year and 4M this year
 - Minnetonka: 8M reduction this year (but their teacher contract is not yet signed, but this is what they have said it will be if when it is)
 - Bloomington: 12M reduction
 - Hopkins: 3.62M reduction
 - Robbinsdale: 21M reduction
 - Eden Prairie: They have a different strategy and different funding sources, so they are in a good position right now, but they have a 1,200 enrollment online school.
- Schools as polling places
 - Schools can't prohibit being used as polling places
 - Additionally Edina has a lack of places to be polling places
 - These are small local elections
 - Edina in general has a high participation in absentee ballots
 - City officials are visiting all the schools to map out the spaces
 - Election officials will have a walkie talkie on the janitor channel for communications with staff and helping keep kids safe
- Erica Allenburg: School Board Governance Model
 - School Board Governs vs Superintendent Manages
 - School Board
 - Evaluate, Establish, Adopt
 - The school board is unlikely to say you should cut \$XX dollars by doing this, but rather is taking into account the recommendations of the Superintendent and community etc.
 - Board doesn't deal with specific personnel issues (teachers, principals etc) the way it would get elevated to the board is if a broader policy is violated.
 - The board needs to stay impartial in case it ever rises to a higher level, a board member may say we can't get involved, but they should hopefully give you guidance about where to go.
 - Curriculum: the board approves all curriculum, but it usually comes to them as a recommendation as a team:
 - It has to adhere to state standards.
 - Example SS
 - Government cannot be taught in 9th has to be in 10/11th.
 - State has issued new SS standards
 - Do we need to revamp materials

- New materials
 - Just issued a guiding change document goes to a team which will review options and give choices for approval.
- Do not choose individual books for LA etc.
- How can we better communicate changes in curriculum beforehand, or how to make sure the right people know where to look for stuff. How to make things more transparent.
- Open Meeting Law
 - MN open meeting law states that a quorum of board members cannot get together privately.
 - This can actually apply to outside meeting times sometimes, board members cannot communicate outside of board meetings with the public on a lot of topics if they are going to be coming up for vote. So if you feel like board members are not commenting, responding, or getting back to you this might be why.
 - Serial Meetings limit what you can do as well.
 - Example: board calendar: cannot ask if people have conflicts, have to let another person know, work with that person to construct a calendar and then back to board for vote.
- Superintendent Administrative team
 - Monitor, Implement, Develop
- Edina Give and Go
 - Friday April 12th Fundraiser; pinstripes; games, fun silent auction. Spread the word!
 - GearSwap is important but not a huge fundraiser compared to the April fundraiser.