

Committee of the Whole
March 12, 2025
Thornton Fractional Center for Academics & Technology
1605 Wentworth Ave.
Calumet City, IL 60409
MINUTES



1. Welcome

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following roll call:

Present: Ballard, Guyton, Jackson, Newman, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson **Absent:**

2. Communication/Public Comment—none

3. Buildings Grounds/Safety Committee--Member Townsend

- A. Construction Project Update—Mr. Stephan updated the board that North pool infill work has started, and contractors are working on a solution to a water issue; electrical vault work is in progress; the elevator work has an aggressive schedule, but the contractors do have the needed supplies; starting to have conversations about the North football field.
- B. Building Usage Report—in packet

4. Finance Committee--Member Jackson

- A. Summer Camps—Ms. Bishop shared the proposed summer camps are the same camps as last summer. Camps cannot be added, but one can be removed and add a new one if needed. In the past, the district received \$40,000 from the state but not this year. The total costs are \$106,000 which has been budgeted for this year. The future teachers program will be the same as previous years and some budget adjustments are being made.

5. Curriculum Committee--Member Ballard

- A. Math Supports and Interventions—Ms. Szuba and Ms. Martin-Dean have looked at data and researched the best interventions. Ninth graders are a targeted group because not doing well in algebra I is an indicator of future struggles. In talking with other districts and reviewing models, the district has an intervention model which has been successful, specifically seeing improvement in lowering the algebra failure rate.

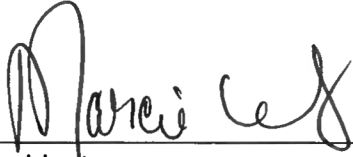
6. IT Committee--Member Wilson

- A. IT Department Structure—Mr. Wakefield shared that the previously approved second phase of the IT department re-structure is getting started. This provides the alignment of staff resources to actual needs. There is one new position which is included in the plan and will be utilized for new initiatives. The position would start July 1. There is one vacant position which will also be filled.

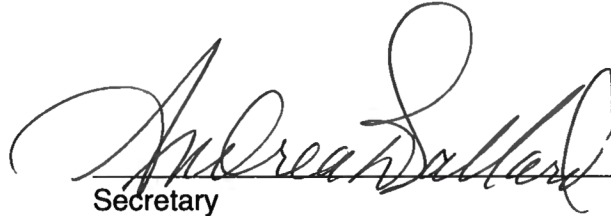
7. Behavior Intervention/Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee--Member Newman

- A. Monthly Suspension Reports—The principals reviewed the building reports and discussed trends they are seeing including that vaping is still an issue. Discussion included available interventions for substance use. Administration will provide the numbers of students utilizing services. It was noted that in-school suspensions are mostly freshmen/sophomores who are struggling with taking their own education seriously. Eighth grade transition to TFD215 is also being reviewed. Further discussion included the fights seen on social media. It was recognized the importance of being proactive in a conflict before the issue becomes a problem. Discussion included utilizing data and hotspots with placement of deans' assistants--always trying to adjust and respond. Staff visibility was discussed as a deterrent. It was suggested to ask the parent advisory to brainstorm ideas. Reinforce message of see something say something. Get feedback from staff on what they are seeing/ideas/etc. Message to staff needs to include assist where they are comfortable, it is important to acknowledge the staff efforts.

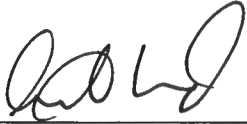
8. Adjourn



President



Secretary



Recording Secretary