

Committee of the Whole

April 9, 2025

Thornton Fractional Center for Academics & Technology

1605 Wentworth Ave.

Calumet City, IL 60409

MINUTES



Thornton Fractional
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 215
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1. Call to Order/Roll call

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

- A. Joe Stephan stated he represents Local 683. He thanked Member Jackson and Member Newman regarding comments about social media issues with student fighting and safety. He added that 99.9% of students do the right thing and depending on where issues are located, there can be an impact on learning. He also appreciates Mr. Robinzine wanting to do something to address the issue and wants to work collaboratively to find solutions. The fights last week were at a different level and the association doesn't want the 99.9% of the students to suffer.

3. Buildings Grounds/Safety Committee--Member Townsend

- A. Construction Project Update—Mr. Stephan reported the pool infill project is on hold until get material; are hoping roofing projects will be done over spring break, if not then start June 2nd. There is an aggressive schedule for North football field starting start May 7th—materials ordered. The barbering classroom remodel will start on June 7th; the elevator work is an aggressive schedule but all of the materials are in the building--can't have school without it.
- B. TF North Stage Curtain Purchase—Mr. Stephen reported the current curtains are falling apart and can no longer be fireproofed.
- C. John Deere Tractor Purchase—the district is proposing replacing two units bought in 2005 and 2007 and are not worth fixing.
- D. HVAC Preventive Maintenance—Mr. Stephan reported the district has traditionally utilized Johnson Controls which has been becoming more expensive—have been able to separate proprietary rights.
- E. Building Usage Report—few rentals coming in

4. Curriculum Committee--Member Ballard

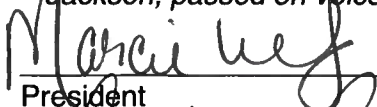
- A. New Resources for Teaching and Learning—Ms. Szuba stated the team is proposing new resources for French 2, World History and AP African American studies. Teachers are reviewing the AP class curriculum options given AP requires the use of one of the four options. The team is aware of making sure curricular materials have accurate information. Discussion included that the college board is a separate entity from the Department of Education and that what is outlined in the course requirements have not changed.

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

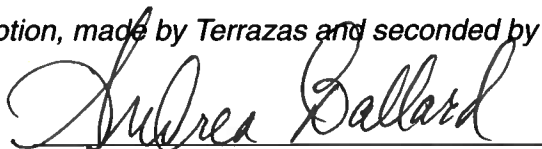
- A. Monthly Suspension Reports—Principals Rucinski and Williams reviewed their reports along with trends from last year.
- B. Student PSA video—Ms. Gladu presented the proposed flip book for the handbook which includes a QR code for students. It will be ready for the start of school.

6. Adjourn

move to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. This motion, made by Terrazas and seconded by Member Jackson, passed on voice vote.



President



Secretary



Recording Secretary