

**GOLF SCHOOL DISTRICT 67**  
Morton Grove, Illinois 60053

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**CLASSROOMS FIRST STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
November 8, 2017**

The special meeting of the Board of Education, School District 67, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order in the Golf School District Board Room, 9401 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove, Illinois, on November 8, 2017 at 6:10 p.m., by Ms. Samina Hussain, CFC Member, District 67.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members of the Board responded present to the Secretary's call of the roll:

Ms. Samina Hussain	CFC Member, District 67
Ms. Nada Ardeleanu	CFC Member, District 67 ( <i>left the meeting at 6:58 pm</i> )
Mrs. Felicia Holtz	CFC Member, District 69
Dr. Mark Chao	CFC Member, District 69 ( <i>arrived at 7:25 pm</i> )
Mr. Richard Evonitz	CFC Member, District 219 ( <i>called in at 6:10 pm/arrived at 6:12 pm</i> )

*Also present were:* Dr. Beth Flores, District 67 Superintendent; Dr. Margaret Clauson, District 69 Superintendent; Dr. Steven Isoye, District 219 Superintendent; Dr. Steven Shadel, Executive Director of Classrooms First; Ms. Jennifer Laughlin, K-8 Director of Literacy; Mr. Terry Stroh, K-8 Director of Science; Dr. Megan Aseltine, D69 Assistant Superintendent of Academics; Mr. Joel Mehr, D67 Board Member, Ms. Lisa Heuberger, District 67 1<sup>st</sup> grade Teacher, Ms. Enisa Akgul, District 69 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math Teacher, and Mrs. Gina Ciupinski, District 67 Administrative Assistant to Superintendent.

**Approval of CFC Steering Committee Minutes – May 10, 2017**

It was moved by Member Felicia Holtz and seconded by Member Nada Ardeleanu that minutes from the May 10, 2017 CFC Steering Committee Meeting be approved as presented.

By voice vote, the following members voted Aye: Member Samina Hussain, Member Nada Ardeleanu, Member Felicia Holtz.

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**Annual Report – Draft**

Each year, CFC is required to publish an Annual Report. It has been drafted and reviewed by the administrative team. This evening it was presented for additional comments and input before it is published at the end of November and presented to individual Boards in its final format.

Dr. Clauson would like to see more districts joining CFC for more support and collaboration. Dr. Isoye feels that CFC is a long-term investment providing District 67 and 69 with curriculum experts, materials, technology and professional development.

**Presentations**

**Literacy Update**

Presented by Jennifer Laughlin

Lisa Heuberger, 1st grade teacher and literacy leadership team member, discussed District 67's adoption of the Schoolwide Writing Fundamentals Program this year. Her students just published their first writing pieces from the *How Writers Work* unit. The *Narrative Writing* unit was introduced today and the students were very excited to begin. Teachers received 2 full days of professional development with Schoolwide. Last year the literacy leadership team attended the Jan Richardson conference in Elgin. After this conference, it was decided

that District 67 would be implementing the Jan Richardson *Next Steps Forward in Guided Reading* model to enhance the guided reading group.

Jennifer stated that to do guided reading successfully with the earliest of readers, you need to have specific assessment data. All teachers in Districts 67 and 69 now have the assessment system kits. All teachers have been trained and administered the assessment to their students in the fall. This data can be gathered and kept historically to watch a students' reading progress grow. The main goal this year is to support teachers with writing in their classrooms. They are working with grammar continuums and pacing guides. The second half of the year will be focused on reading and identifying best practices of instruction for students of District 67 and 69.

### **CFC Curriculum Goals**

Presented by Terry Stroh

Terry has enjoyed working in District 67 and 69 K-8 classrooms. This year his work has been focused on the development with the leadership team for pacing guides and curriculum guides and developing clear learning objectives for the students. Terry will continue to work with the collaboration and the teachers at the elementary, middle and high schools. He will be looking for more opportunities for students and teachers to be involved in the summer school STEM and after-school programs. Terry has been able to work with K-5 teams during the day to see how they are using STEM modules in their classrooms. In grades 6-8, work has been done with pacing guides and seeing where teachers are at with their time constraints (37 or 40-minute periods). Future professional development will involve looking at getting classrooms to be more inquiry based and more student centered.

### **Student Data Report: Cohort Tracking**

Presented by Steven Shadel and Jennifer Laughlin

Over the summer CFC held two full days of professional development with the teachers. The next early release day will be focused on how to teach math, how to reach all students, and what should the classroom look like.

Ms. Enisa Akgul, 7<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher in District 69, stated the collaboration with the CFC initiative "has been a game changer". All the collaboration that has been done has helped her and her colleagues feel more prepared to deliver the instruction. During early release days and teacher institute days, the middle school math teachers from District 67 and 69 met and discussed different ways and different means to teach math. In the past, students would come to a traditional classroom, do some problems and take notes. Now, teachers are coming up with better ways to use technology to get kids more engaged. As a result of the collaboration, the middle school robotics club has been enriched and was able to defeat many of the high school teams at a recent tournament.

Steven and Jennifer presented the Aimsweb math and literacy and MAP mathematics data for the District 67 and 69 cohort of students.

### **Information Items**

#### **Financial Report**

In year one, CFC spent \$1.8 million today \$1.2 million has been spent. CFC has been mindful of the dollars to make sure money is spent wisely. Currently spending is at \$400,000; mostly through purchase services and salaries more so than supplies. As far as expenditures for the rest of the year, there is the potential for more coming from science as this is the first year.

#### **Future Topics**

None. Any future topics should be sent to your superintendent.

#### **Adjournment**

Member Evonitz moved and Member Hussain seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

The next meeting will be held at District 67 on March 7, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

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President

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Secretary