Meeting Minutes: Planning Committee - DO Board Room

**Date/Time:** November 23, 2021 – 7:30 a.m. **End**: 8:49 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Jim Johnson, Brian Nelson, Jennifer Benson, Seth Holden, David Paulson

Committee Members Absent: None

**Board Members Present:** Rebecca Knutson

Staff Members Present: Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Jackie Gapp, Tara Brandner, Missy Eidsness, Doug Andring, Dr. Robert Grosz, Blake Mikesell

**Recorder:** Jackie Gapp

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
Approval of September 22 Meeting Minutes	Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the September 22 meeting.	Minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
Boundary Implementation Plan	Dr. Gandhi presented the implementation plan for the boundary changes effective the 2022-23 school year that impacts Bennett Elementary School. Specifically, he reviewed transportation related to grandfathering of Bennett Elementary students. Discussion occurred. Consensus was reached to modify the transportation portion of the plan by removing the sentence of "Beginning in the fall of the 2025-26 school year, the remaining grandfathered students would be allowed to attend Bennett but would need to provide their own transportation." to "Transportation for grandfathered students after the 2025-2026 will be determined by administration based on ridership and whether or not a new bus route is needed at an additional expense to the District." The modified plan will be presented to the Board at the December 14 Board meeting.	The modified boundary implementation plan will be presented to the Board at the December 14 Board meeting.
ESSER Project Dual Certification	Dr. Gandhi reviewed information regarding the potential ESSER funded project for teacher dual certification. The name of the project is "All For One, One For All." The project is a voluntary program in which educators can receive professional development and a teaching endorsement in special education or English learners for a monetary stipend. The program is dependent upon ESSER funds and would be offered only during the ESSER funding period. Consensus was reached to have Dr. Gandhi share about the plan to the full Board at the November 23 meeting.	Committee recommended Dr. Gandhi provide a short summary to the full board at the November 23, 2021 meeting. The presentation will be included under Superintendent Report in the Reports section.
FEA Request Regarding COVID-19 Leave	Jim Johnson provided an overview of the FEA request to reinstate COVID-19 leave for employees. COVID-19 leave was provided to staff members during the 2020-21 school year. During that school year, staff members did not have to use their personal leave banks for a COVID-19 related absence. Discussion occurred on the request. Consensus was reached to remain under the current policy on leaves and leave usage. If staff members deplete their leaves, they may request usage of leave from the staff leave bank. The committee asked administration to notify them when the current sick bank allocation of 200 reaches a point of 150 used (50 remaining). At that time, the Board's Negotiations Chair will seek mutual agreement from the FEA and the full Board to re-open negotiations so more days can be added to the leave bank.	Committee reached consensus to continue under the current policy. Administration will notify the Planning Committee if the sick bank usage reaches 150 days. Seth Holden will contact the FEA regarding consideration of increasing the existing leave bank if usage approaches 150 days.
<b>Budget Review</b>	Jackie Gapp presented budget revisions per the limitations included in EL-7: Budgeting/Financial Planning through October 31, 2021. Discussion occurred.	

Projects a. Agassiz b. Hawthorne ECSE c. Locker Rooms	Due to time, the agenda item was postponed to the next committee meeting.	These items were forwarded to the December 17, 2021 Planning Committee meeting.	
Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on December 17, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.			