

CREVE COEUR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76
SPECIAL MEETING
800 Groveland Avenue, Creve Coeur, Illinois
April 13, 2016
6:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Randy Giddens, Brenda Keogel, Savanna Tyler, Pam Greiner, and Linda Bailey.
Absent: Katherine Ragon

Mrs. Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Mrs. Bailey asked if they had received the discipline form in triplicate that was requested at the first round table. The teachers said that they still do not have it.

Mrs. Bailey asked how the Chromebooks were working.

The teachers stated that the Chromebooks are working well. They requested that each teacher received a Chromebook to be able to grade google docs homework. They also requested new laptops for the smart boards in their classrooms. They informed the board that the last laptops they received were refurbished and no longer working correctly. They teachers believed these laptops were possibly purchased by student council.

The teachers also informed the Board that the Chrome browser on the desktops is no longer updating. They discussed whether the Chromebooks are able access information on the public drive.

Mrs. Bailey thanked the teachers for completing the insurance forms or waivers.

Mrs. Bailey asked the teachers if they had any ideas for after school academic programs. STEM projects, Lego building, Art class, and expanding chess to LaSalle were mentioned. It was suggested that more family involvement is needed. The teachers suggested events like family night, trivia nights, Hot Wax family fun night, etc. These events will bring the parents into the school and they will be more involved and receptive to the teachers if there is a problem with their child.

Mrs. Greiner asked if the schools are having any daytime assemblies. The teachers responded that the assemblies like Carl Cannon, plays, puppet shows, etc. stopped quite a few years ago. They also told the Board that they cannot find drama plays to take the children to any more.

Mrs. Keogel explained that the village has started an Economic Development Committee and told everyone what they are trying to do to improve the village. Their goal is to find ways to get families and children to stay in the village. The group discussed the lack of activities that are available for the students outside of school. Mrs. Keogel told the group that Sacre Coeur could possibly be used as an activity center.

Mrs. Bailey explained the Board wants to have the teachers look at a few more math series before one is adopted for next year. Everyday Math, Go Math, and My Math are to be considered along with the Engage New York that has already been researched. Mrs. Bailey asked if a group of five teachers could be created to review these math curriculums and give a recommendation by the end of the school year. She suggested one teacher from first, third, fifth and seventh grades along with one math interventionist.

Some teachers reported that their rooms are not being cleaned as well as they would like. The teachers were told to report back to their building principals.

Mrs. Boyles informed the group that she wrote and received a grant for \$500. The group then asked about using sites like Donor's Choice to raise funds for items for their classrooms. It was suggested that a procedure be developed so that the building principal is notified of any requests before they are posted.

Fieldtrip ideas and guidelines were discussed.

Discipline issues were discussed. More support from administration was suggested. Teachers in both buildings told the Board that they are sending problem children to other teachers instead of referring them to the office.

Lunchroom and playground discipline was discussed. The teachers do not agree that an entire classroom should be punished because of a few students.

The teachers stated that they like having the round table meetings with the Board.

Mrs. Ragon, seconded by Mrs. Keogel, made the motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Ayes: Giddens, Keogel, V. Ragon, Tyler, Greiner and Bailey. Nays None.

Round Table Comments
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What would you want the new superintendent to address first?

1. Supt. Needs to address the feeling of being governed (led) by fear & intimidation.
2. Communication!
3. Communication with staff and other administration. Make yourself seen in the buildings.
4. Consistency with all staff
5. Discipline!!
6. Communication is key! We're all in this together.

What would you want the new or existing principals to address first?

1. Principal – ASK questions & listen to ALL staff. Understand that we need to work TOGETHER to become a professional family.
2. Follow through with discipline
3. Discipline follow through & make yourself present in building and back your staff up when it comes to parents ready to attack the teacher.
4. Communication & consistency with all staff. No favoritism towards certain staff members. Behavior consistency.
5. Discipline!! Get it under control!!
6. We are all part of this family and we may not all be happy all the time, but we're in this for the kids! They DESERVE everyone's best – not just your favorites.