

CREVE COEUR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76
SPECIAL MEETING
800 Groveland Avenue, Creve Coeur, Illinois
July 9, 2015
6:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Randy Giddens, Brenda Keogel, Katherine Ragon, Val Ragon, Savanna Tyler, Pam Greiner, Linda Bailey, and Superintendent Shayne Aldridge

Mrs. Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. She welcomed the teachers and said that purchasing Chromebooks was on the agenda for the next Board meeting. She referred to Mr. Aldridge and he explained that the Board will be discussing whether to purchase 390 Chromebooks or 455. The additional 65 Chromebooks would be divided among the LaSalle classrooms placing 3 in each room.

LaSalle staff agreed that having the Chromebooks in their rooms would be nice. They currently have 4 computers in each room but 3 would be ok.

Parkview staff informed the Board that they do not have computers in each classroom. The future of the netbooks was discussed. It was suggested that the netbooks be reformatted 1-2 times per year to make them operate faster.

It was noted that there is a plan to keep the Chromebooks current and operable for at least years.

The need for a typing / keyboarding class was discussed.

There was some discussion about the labs at Parkview and LaSalle. Most teachers agreed that the labs should be secured and only open during class time. The students should not be allowed to enter the lab except during class time at both buildings.

The staff expressed the need for more tech people to be available, and have set hours.

The Board was informed that there are no teacher laptops at LaSalle and only some teachers have them at Parkview. The laptops at Parkview also need to be ghosted on a regular basis.

Mrs. Bailey asked the teachers what else could the Board provide that would help them teach the children. The following ideas were submitted:

- Smart Board Training
- Writing Curriculum at Parkview
- Novels for a whole classroom
- Non-fiction class sets / magazines
- More Scholastic News magazines
- Math program/textbooks that would be consistent from K-8 grades
- Kindles for the classrooms
- Kindergarten expressed the need for consistent manipulatives and math workbooks
- Reading books for K-6 that are aligned with the common core
- Lego sets for centers – story starters.
- Dodgeballs and activities for the Parkview students to do after lunch.

The need for the reading interventionists to know what each teacher is teaching and how was mentioned.

It was noted that there are gaps in the curriculum.

Several teachers mentioned needing white boards in their classrooms. Mr. Aldridge said that some had been installed already. He was not sure about Ms. Melissant's room.

Mrs. Bailey asked the staff if they felt the Board has a strict enough policy on discipline. Most agreed that the policies in place are adequate but need to be enforced consistently. Some suggestions were:

- Assign a female teacher to address dress code violations with female students.
- Call parents and have them bring appropriate clothing for any student improperly dressed.

- ISS should not be fun. Students should not be allowed to sleep, color, etc. during ISS.
- The Parkview secretary should not be responsible for overseeing the ISS students.

Lunch detentions do not seem to be working at either school. At Parkview it was suggested that the students be placed on the stage away from the other students. This was done in the past and seemed to work better. LaSalle lunch detentions in the gym do not seem to be working.

Parkview students should not be placed in the hallway outside the office while waiting for the principal. There are 8-10 students there consistently. It was suggested several times that an assistant principal be hired to handle discipline.

LaSalle need to tighten down on discipline and needs to communicate with parents more. There needs to be consistency with the same offenses. It was suggested to talk to the LaSalle principal about what the teachers want done.

Teach manners and respect. Don't allow students to call teacher by just their last name.

Discipline must be consistent from everyone in the building. We need people who can enforce the policies.

The cell phone policy was discussed. At some schools, students who are caught with a cell phone have it taken away. A parent must come to school to get the phone back.

It was suggested that the staff be retrained on PBIS during a SIP day.

The Board and the teachers discussed the PBIS, SWIS, and SIS referral system. Mr. Aldridge stated that he and the principals are working on redesigning the form. The staff discussed this and decided that the new form at LaSalle is using works great but needs to be made in triplicate. This would allow a copy for the teacher, principal and parent.

Regarding student engagement the staff requested more random IPI observations. It was also noted that IPI is not being used correctly. It should be totally anonymous and not used as an evaluation. If a teacher wants to request information about their observation they should be able to get it by requesting it from the principal.

There was a request that the truancy officer be more involved with students being tardy.

There was a consensus from the staff at both buildings that the headlice policy should be to send a child home immediately if nits or live bugs are found.

Mrs. Bailey thanked all the teachers for attending and speaking openly with the Board.

Mrs. Bailey made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Mrs. Keogel seconded the motion and it passed with a 7-0 vote.