

CREVE COEUR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76
SPECIAL MEETING
300 N Highland Avenue, Creve Coeur, Illinois
November 12, 2015
5:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Brenda Keogel, Katherine Ragon, Savanna Tyler, Pam Greiner, Linda Bailey, and Superintendent Shayne Aldridge. Absent: Val Ragon, Randy Giddens (Arrived at 5:40)

Mrs. Bailey called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Mrs. Greiner asked for feedback regarding the new Chromebooks.

The teachers at LaSalle reported that the logon and passwords procedure especially with the Lexia Reading program is too long for the smaller children. The Skyward and Gmail logon information and passwords are also too long. They also advised the Board that the icons have disappeared since the merge to the cloud storage was done. One of the teachers stated that Mrs. McClister had sent out an email to some staff members with instructions for easy logons. The LaSalle teachers and students need more assistance with the computers due to the age of the children.

Mr. Giddens entered the meeting at 5:40

Mrs. Bailey asked about the need for textbooks.

Textbooks were briefly discussed. Some of the teachers have been working on creating their own books. The teachers recommended "Every Day Math" series for K-8. This series provides workbooks and also online instruction. Marquette Heights and Washington school districts are both using this math series.

The teachers expressed their concern that the interventionist is only taking 5 children from each grade level. There are more children needing help that are not being serviced.

Mrs. Bullard stated that if the reading interventionists have any free time they also work with the students on math. She estimated that MAPS testing should be completed now in approximately 1 ½ weeks using the Chromebooks.

Mrs. Carter stated that both of the computers in her room are not working. Mr. Jockisch is writing a grant to try to replace them.

Mrs. Bailey asked how the ISS was working at Parkview.

The Parkview teachers stated that the kids hate being in ISS now. It is a good deterrent. No more lunch detentions are being given except by Dr. Tennell and those are not served in the lunchroom. LaSalle was able to use a temporary ISS room recently. Mrs. Bailey asked if the teacher feel the discipline is under control enough for them to be able to teach. They all seemed to agree that it is under control at this time.

The teachers did express their concerns about there not being anyone in authority on the playground during lunch. They suggested that some kind of training be provided to the lunchroom supervisors and that someone should be on the playground at all times.

Mrs. Bailey told the LaSalle teachers that she thought the Halloween Parade went very well. It was well attended by parents and community. LaSalle is sending thank you cards to everyone that donated candy to the children during the parade.

Mrs. Bailey asked what other events the teachers could do to bring in parents and community member into the schools.

Mrs. Radovich explained that they are having a talent contest for 3rd grade. LaSalle is also having a Reading Night for K-1 and a Math Night for grades 3-4. Second grade teachers can choose to go to the reading or math night, whichever they feel is more appropriate. 3rd grade teachers expressed their concerns over the Building Leadership Team deciding on the Math Night details without consulting them. They would prefer to have the Math Night later in the year so it would be closer to the PARCC testing.

Parkview teachers discussed ideas like family movie night, game nights that would include math and reading games. The group then discussed activities that are no longer being done including: donuts with dad, muffins with mom, mother-son night, father-daughter night, Flat Stanley, ice cream social, carnival, wax museum, young author book, spirit wear sales, etc.

LaSalle teachers recommended having spring conferences for struggling children. Parkview teachers discussed having roundtable conferences.

The parent club was discussed and teachers feel that more members are needed. Popcorn day at LaSalle recently had to be cancelled due to lack of help. They suggested having a vendor/craft fair to bring in community members.

Mr. Giddens asked the teachers if they would be interested in having the Bring Your Parents to School Day as recommended by the state.

They were concerned about lack of space in the classroom for an event like this. The majority of the teachers did not seem to want to participate in this event. They stated that some children would not have parents attend just like at the Grandparent luncheons.

Mrs. Bailey asked if the teachers had received the triplicate discipline report forms discussed at the last round table meeting.

The teachers stated that they do not have them yet. They also expressed that the PBIS team needs the data updated in SWIS regularly. When asked how often the grades are being posted to Skyward the general response was weekly.

Mrs. Bailey asked if the teachers have any other concerns.

Parkview teachers asked if a longer detention period could be done. It is currently 3:10 and they would like to see it extended to 3:30 if necessary.

The LaSalle teachers questioned the adult lunch price. It is currently \$1.75 for a student meal and \$2.30 for an adult meal but the adult meal is the same portions as the student meal.

Mrs. Bullard and Mrs. Carter still do not have smart boards.

Rules about children eating breakfast were discussed. The teachers feel that if a student entered the building before breakfast has stopped they should be fed. Parkview teachers explained that they had a TO-GO breakfast last year for students arriving late.

The teachers asked if the policy on head lice is going to be followed. Mr. Aldridge explained that the health department will be training some of the staff to check head lice. The students will be checked twice a year and the policy will be followed.

The LaSalle teachers expressed concerns about parents being at the office window while confidential information is being discussed with the secretaries.

Some of the LaSalle teachers are making interactive notebooks for the children to take home to study with. Homework assignments were discussed. Each building should have a uniform homework policy.

Mrs. Bailey thanked the teacher for attending and adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.