

## VALLEY STREAM 30

### DISTRICT LEVEL TEAM (DLT) MINUTES

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Attendees: Barbra Becnel (Shaw), Colleen Dash (Forest), Anne Marie DeRicco (Shaw), Maureen Hotzak (Clear Stream), Elaine Kanas, Dahreis Scott (Clear Stream), John Singleton

#### **Instructional Materials Review Committee**

The DLT reviewed the policy that requires a parent member on the committee. Barbra Becnel agreed to serve as the parent representative on the Instructional Materials Review Committee for the 2011-12 school year. (Policy attached)

#### **Budget Overview**

An overview of the budget was presented for the DLT members so that they could be “budget ambassadors” to help answer questions at their Building-Level Team (BLT) meetings. Discussions were held regarding the importance of getting the budget information out to the public to encourage their participation and understanding of the budget process and draft budget.

#### **BLT and DLT Plan Renewal**

It was discussed that the Board of Education each year needs to readopt the District BLT and DLT plans. The DLT guidelines were reviewed by the team, with no revisions necessary. The BLT guidelines are over 15 years old and are out-of-date with current educational practice and state requirements. The DLT members will discuss suggested revisions at their next BLT meeting and bring the ideas back to a DLT meeting in May for suggested revisions to the plan to present to the Board of Education, for their review, at the June Work Session. Some key ideas about the role of the BLT that will be discussed at the next BLT meetings include:

- To support the implementation of district curriculum and programs in the individual buildings
- To recommend and sponsor, as applicable, school-wide events and programs that foster a sense of community and school spirit
- To address individual building issues, including safety issues particular to a school, such as pick-up/drop-off zones, etc.
- To make recommendations to the District regarding suggestions for new programs or curriculum enhancements

#### **Increasing Community Participation**

As a result of questions and suggestions made at the January budget forum, it was decided that each BLT would place an agenda item at an upcoming meeting to discuss at least one way each building could strengthen parent involvement. Each building would then pilot this one idea next year and the idea could subsequently be shared at a DLT meeting for more widespread implementation.

The next DLT meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Shaw Avenue School.