

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, DECEMBER 6, 2022

The meeting of the Board of Education, School District 123, Cook County, Illinois, convened at 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at Oak Lawn Hometown School, 5345 W. 99<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Members Present: Jennifer Fortier, Jackie Lichter, Jay Lurquin, Julie Misner and Brian Nichols.

Members Absent: Peter DeRousse and Adriana Sebek

Administrators Present: Dr. Enderle, Dr. Gavin, Dr. Loftin, Dr. Macchia, Mrs. Blissett, Dr. Spreitzer and Mr. Cassidy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mrs. Misner read the Mission Statement.

Public Comment President Nichols stated that citizen comments were allowed to address the Board. Public comment would be limited to 30 minutes with each person being limited to five minutes.

- There were no comments at this time

Discussion I: ThoughtExchange Feedback – D123 Learning Partnerships  
Dr. Macchia discussed the ThoughtExchange platform. It is being used to provide open ended questions to participants and allows them to provide ideas/comments, which also allows participants to comment, agree or disagree with ideas/comments. It is more interactive than a standard survey. Administration then reviews the ideas/comments and results to discuss at administrative meetings.

The most recent ThoughtExchange asked how has D123 formed meaningful partnerships with parents, families and the broader learning community? There were approximately 296 participants and about 134 thoughts submitted. The participants were fairly evenly spread throughout the schools. The participation breakdown also showed the number of years participants have been a part of the D123 community with the smallest number of 10% being less than one year and the largest number of 25% being 6-10 years. 42% of the participants are listed as being very satisfied with the learning partnerships in D123, while 1% is listed as extremely dissatisfied.

Key themes noted were conferences, communications and relationships. Participants felt strongly positive that family conferences were in-person this year.

Dr. Macchia reviewed the key thoughts, which were comments that were ranked the highest.

Discussion II: IAR 2022 Student Achievement Update  
Dr. Gavin and Dr. Macchia presented the 2022 IAR Student data. The IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) is a test which is given in the Spring. The D123 school summative ratings were Commendable in all schools but

one. Sward received an Exemplary summative rating. A school's annual summative designation describes how well an individual school is meeting the needs of all its students. Summative designations are determined in the following manner: 25% ELA growth; 25% math growth; 7.5% ELA proficiency; 7.5% math proficiency; 5% science proficiency; 5% EL Progress to proficiency; 20% chronic absenteeism; 5% climate survey (5 Essentials survey).

A student growth percentile (SGP) describes how much a student grew compared to their academic peers who started at the same level. Proficiency is the number of students who met proficiency standards. Growth is important because it recognized learning gains. High growth does not always equal high proficiency. Growth does not penalize schools for where a student started.

Dr. Gavin and Dr. Macchia compared percentile ratings from 2019 to percentile ratings in 2022. They next reviewed the achievement gaps within various subgroups.

In mathematics, D123 students grew at a rate higher than 88% of other Illinois K-8 school districts. In ELA, D123 students grew at a rate higher than 57% of other Illinois K-8 school districts. EL and IEP students grew at an expected or higher than expected rate in comparison to other Illinois K-8 school districts. Areas for improvement include ELA proficiency anomaly from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>; ELA proficiency below state average in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>; math proficiency anomaly from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade; and the achievement gap for EL students and IEP students.

Dr. Gavin and Dr. Macchia discussed the ongoing strategic response. It was noted that D123 has made a lot of curricular changes over the last few years. Education has a slow return on investment. Statistically, it takes about 7 years to see a return on investment in education.

### Discussion III:

#### Capital Projects Updates and Timelines

Mr. Cassidy reviewed the project timeline and budget for the Media Center renovations at Hannum and Covington. Administration will be asking the Board to go to bid at the December business meeting with a bid closing of January 10<sup>th</sup> and awarding the bid at the January business meeting. It was confirmed that JMA will take on the role of project manager and the project management costs are built into the estimates. There is an option for an alternate bid which will be taken for modifications to the front entry vestibule and remodeling of office at Hannum.

Mr. Cassidy stated that the second phase of the HVAC project has been paused for now due to high costs and supply chain issues. It was determined that the grant which was planned to be used for the tuckpointing project at Gaddis will not work as Gaddis is not eligible for this grant. It was agreed to use this grant toward two new generators instead.

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Board Comments:

Mrs. Fortier discussed the sessions she attended at the Tri Conference. She felt that the conference was very informative.

Mr. Lurquin agreed but felt that the number of sessions was smaller while it seemed the number of participants increased so sessions were overcrowded this year.

Adjourned – 8:54 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on December 19, 2022 at the Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois.



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