

NORWICH BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
RETREAT  
WEDNESDAY MAY 11, 2009  
4:00 PM, NORWICH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Minutes

Present: Board members Addante, Callaghan, Day, Mackall, Vitt;  
Administrators Gersen, Robert, Aubin, Kelley; Marion Cross Teachers  
Alida Ciampa, Betsy Draper, and Ellen Keough; Marion Cross Counselor  
Dani Ligget. Recorded by W. Gersen

1. The retreat opened at 4:09 PM. Wayne Gersen introduced the topic of long range planning and turned the meeting over to Linda Kelley, who reviewed a series of overhead slides explaining the long-range planning process she proposed for the Marion Cross School. She recommended that a planning committee consisting of representative teachers, Board members, parents, and community members would coordinate the planning process. Dr. Kelley indicated that the ideal committee member would be someone who knows the school and want the school to go forward. Based on her experience, she felt the committee should be drawn from a pool of self-selected applicants who would be asked to submit a letter outlining their qualifications for the committee and why they wish to serve.

2. After a lengthy discussion, the board expressed support for the development of a long-range plan. They felt that Linda Kelley could serve as the facilitator of the planning process with support from the SAU Office as opposed to hiring a consultant to serve that function. Wayne Gersen and Linda Kelley indicated they would provide a draft action plan for the board to review at their June meeting.

3. The Board adjourned for dinner.

4. At 6:55 PM the Board convened again to discuss the proposed set of goals for 2009-10. After deliberation and dialogue, the board endorsed the following four goals for 2009-10:

- ❖ Support the implementation of a new teacher evaluation system developed by Dr. Kelley.
- ❖ Support the implementation of the Investigations Math program that was adopted by the Marion Cross Faculty following a yearlong review.
- ❖ Support the development of a 3-5 year long-range plan for the Marion Cross School.
- ❖ Improve parent and community relations.

5. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.