

2022-23 INTER-SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Date | time 1/26/23 9:00 a.m.

In Attendance

Heather Berkenpas, Brandi Berta, Blake Bowman, Adam Burkholder, Kelley Freridge, Alison Gervat, Andrea Jacobson, Dr. Steve Matthews, Many Mynhier-Lake, Jodi Nester, Lindesy O-Rourke, Mike Ramm, Christie Ramsey, Joy Rohr, Jill Silverman, Jenny Steele, Jessica Steele, Heather Taylor, Matt Zokoe

Advisory Committee

The purpose of the Inter-School Advisory Council is to act as an advisory group to the school superintendent and other administrative personnel, to serve as a sounding board for pertinent issues, and to facilitate communication to the community.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Steve Matthews, Mike Cuneo (Assistant Superintendent of Finance), Matt Zokoe (RPS Library Services), Jodi Nester (Executive Assistant to the Superintendent)

a. Superintendent

- Board of Education Positions
 - President - Jarrod Folsom
 - Vice President – Kelley Freridge
 - Secretary - Christie Ramsey
 - Treasurer – Jake Himmelspach
- Elementary School #9 Updates and Committees
 - Opening Fall 2024
 - Mike Ramm & Korie Wilson-Crawford are co-chairs for the opening process
 - Communications sub-committee – Lisa Jacobs
 - Building/Site sub-committee – Mike Cuneo
 - Instruction sub-committee – Mike Ramm
 - HR sub-committee – Korie Wilson-Crawford
 - Staffing – certified staff, principal, ancillary staff, in-district movement of staff to new school
 - Redistricting – NOT SET IN STONE
 - Valley View will be the most impacted
 - Looking to re-draw boundaries
 - East side to attend East Rockford Middle School
 - West side to attend North Rockford Middle School
 - Need to look at transportation routing systems

- Availability of bus driver limits what transportation can do
 - Fall of 2023 – goal of preliminary boundaries
 - Fall 2024 – final boundaries
- Parent input at different times with focus groups
 - Jan, Feb, March – internal discussions
 - April & onward – BoE discussions/more public discussions
 - RPS is aware and sensitive to the fact that this could cause issues
- Jodi Nester – Board of Education Meetings
 - Meeting packets, minutes, and videos of meetings available on RPS website
- Matt Zokoe
 - Library Services
 - Dk-12 – Destiny utilized to manage books
 - Digital Citizenship programs
 - Battle of the Books
 - Book Fairs – 2 per year
 - Open Library Concepts
 - RPS & KDL Partnerships
 - Summer Reading Programs
 - Reading Rocks
 - Support from Krause Memorial Library
 - Book Review for RPS
 - Obtain Reconsideration Guide
 - Parent contact librarian/Principal
 - Conversation on why you want to challenge the book
 - You can restrict your own child from access to certain books but you can not restrict access for others
 - Further engagement with Mike Ramm and/or Matt Zokoe
 - Fill out book challenge packet
 - You have to read the entire book that you are challenging, not just pull out the snippets that you don't like
 - 2 week response with a committee
 - Bring to BoE, Mike Ramm, Matt Zokoe, English Department, Librarians
 - Not a single book has been challenged in at least 10 years!

b. Bond Updates (Mike Cuneo)

- Bus Garage
 - Demo & Rebuild summer 2023 – 1 year build out
 - We currently have enough drivers to cover runs plus 1 sub.
 - 5 subs are ideal
 - 60 routes in RPS plus 12 spare busses to cover afterschool activities
 - WE NEED MORE DRIVERS!

- NRMS Addition
 - Begin Fall 2023
 - Resize classrooms to create a more standardized size throughout the school
 - New 6th grade classroom wing
 - 8 new classrooms
 - Renovation of 18 classrooms – 850 sq ft each
 - New orchestra room in front of band room
 - Upgrade security/interior key card access/cameras
 - AC for all rooms

Next Meeting

February 22, 2023, Administration Office Team Room (350 N. Main Street) – CANCELLED SNOW DAY

March 22, 2023, Administration Office Team Room (350 N. Main Street)