

## Legislative Action Committee

Minutes November 10 2011 6:30 pm

Present: Ed Hodder, Glynis Hinschberger, Jill Johnson, Chris Sonenblum, Linda McLoon, Kitty Gogins

1. The main agenda item is to discuss the hearing of the Education Finance Committee from the House to be held in Roseville. Current Board Chair Lisa Edstrom contacted Rep. Garofolo, and he indicated that he was interested in holding a hearing in our district. The district staff is working with his staff on a date. It is tentatively scheduled for January 30 or 31. The suggestion of staff is to hold it in the Media Center in Roseville Area High School.

The main question as we go forward in designing the evening is to determine what are the major priorities of the district that would be good to share with the committee members? In other words: what would be like them to see. Linda indicated she would contact Rep. Greiling to see what Rep Garofolo did when she held a hearing in his district.

Considerable discussion ensued. It was generally the consensus that it might be too much to expect the committee members to spend a day in our schools. Kitty suggested an hour or 90 minutes prior to the hearing where we had a short "program" for the committee.

Some thoughts on "issues"

- School facilities  
Deferred maintenance
- Students of low income families
- Refugees
- ELL
- "volunteers" as teachers

Program thoughts:

Spotlight programming as show and tell welcome to committee

Consider more informal reception format immediately prior perhaps involving student clubs or activities groups with cultural or achievement focus.

Thoughts on the program:

- Something to do with diversity. One suggestion: Have students read/tell stories that give insight into diverse backgrounds
- EL funding
- Achievement gap? Maybe using the Principal 2.0 results
- Repurposing funding of integration funds
- Reading by third grade
- Pre-Kindergarten interventions in reading

- EMID sponsorship of the summer program for kids that were at risk

Thoughts on entertainment during dinner

- Welcome by student groups such as clubs or activities group like robots
- Glynis suggests sequential groups from early childhood, elementary, RAMS, RAHS presenting ? something entertaining

We need to prepare a one page take away summary to share information we choose, so they can take it and read it later.

Chris said she would contact Karen Schaub so that we can begin thinking of how to get publicity out.

There are two more LAC meetings before late January: Dec 14 and Jan 11. We may need an extra meeting in January as the date gets closer.