

Lake Forest School District 67
Lake Forest School District 115
Lake Forest, Illinois
Education Committee
October 22, 2008

Present: Chris Rossman (Chairman, D67), Harry Griffith, Laurie Rose, Julie Cooley, Carrie Travers, Lisa Garrity, Kyle Schumacher, Jeff Pinderski, Andy Henrikson, Marilyn Harlow (Chairman, D115), Sharon Golan, Jay Hoffmann, Kirsten Kohlmeyer, Dick Block, Beth Coughlin, Jim Sullivan.

Introductions were made.

This is the first Joint Education Committee meeting between Districts 67 & 115

Big Picture

Dr Griffith gave an overview of his vision on having the boards working together. He would like this to be a combination of tradition and innovation to help both districts move forward. The vision is to engage the teachers in making a difference to the educational experience of the whole child. Also to gain alignment is the change process, for example coordinating curriculum cycles to better assist both districts.

Academic Alignment Efforts

Mr. Sullivan, Science Chair from D 155 gave an overview of the new Elawa buddies. This program impacts about 800 students district-wide. Every 2nd grader in D 67 is paired with a D 155 student to do outdoor studies at Elawa. This is the first year of the program and it is proving to be very exciting on the parts of the academic curriculum and the student exchange (social emotional wellness).

Dr. Griffith shared minutes of a Tri-District math department meeting. This effort includes D 65, which can further improve alignment.

Mr. Schumacher then lead us through data, which showed the placement of D67 students in the D115 classes, as well as the performance data on those students (grades). He also provided a listing of the Illinois State Scholars that showed those from D67.

LFHS Assessment Report

Dr Cooley gave a quick summary of the D115 Assessment Reports.

Social-Emotional Wellness

Dr. Cooley gave an update on the Character Development program, which included the planned activities at D115 for November and February. Mentioned was the collaboration between the districts and the need for the involvement of the faculty, students and community. Dr Cooley also mentioned that this work included reaching out to CROYA and LEAD. She stated the addition of the SAP counselor has truly added value to this work.

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Goals

Due to timing, we did not spend much time on the goals except to share that both districts are changing goal cycles to better align with the budgetary cycles. Included in the information packet was a copy of each of the district's goals.

Curriculum Cycle

Dr Griffith mentioned that D115 is working on developing a process for their curriculum cycle. D67 shared the process that is used. The general discussion was that if the cycles could be run in parallel it would assist both districts; D67 in preparing students for D115 and D115 in having the appropriate curriculum for the student entering the HS.

Meeting Dates

Joint Education Meetings will be planned in the future

Other Topics

Future Topics to be considered

Next Committee Meeting(s) for D 67 are (as of now pending any changed based on joint meetings)

November 19, 2008

March 18, 2009

May 20, 2009