

Minutes for Communications Committee meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 in the high school library

Don Baloun, Larry Cyrus, Kalene Engel, Karen Knospe, Bonnie Breza were board members present.

Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

Michele Butler, our newly-hired superintendent, introduced herself to the group.

Calendar updates for fulfilling snow day requirements were explained. Inservice days have become student contact days. Teachers will accomplish inservice goals independently or in small groups as needed. Minutes have been added to the end of school days. We have a small cushion of extra hours.

School board policies continue to be developed and refined with the guidance of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and under the direction of the policies committee: Kalene Engel, Don Baloun, Rita Greshik and Larry Cyrus. Kalene Engel shared different structures being looked at for acquiring additional support and funds for our school. More research on this will continue.

Written report was given by the four board members; Don Baloun, Karen Knospe, Larry Cyrus and Kalene Engel, who attended the Wisconsin Association of School Boards annual convention in Milwaukee. Much valuable information was gained.

Mr Stoppelmoor and Mr Nelson shared plans for updating the equipment, facilities and curriculum of the tech ed department. Efforts are concentrated on getting more current equipment and creating additional opportunities for students to take coursework. Efforts are also being made to create some transcribed credits in cooperation with our technical colleges. A 3-D printer has been generously donated.

A few new courses are being considered at the high school level at the recommendation of the staff.

Referendum work is progressing well but not without the typical complications. People were especially encouraged to visit the remodeled restrooms and locker rooms. Some work is being accomplished now with as little disturbance to classrooms as possible. Heating and air-conditioning systems will be replaced this summer. Staff and two board members, Don Baloun and Larry Cyrus, meet with construction personnel weekly to monitor progress and expenses.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.