

Board of Education
Cochrane-Fountain City School District
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Karen Knospe.

Members in attendance: Karen Knospe, Larry Cyrus, Lynn Doelle, Kalene Engel, Don Baloun, and Bonnie Breza. Rita Greshik was absent. Dr Jo-Ellen Fairbanks also attended.

Kalene Engel moved to accept the agenda with two adjustments - the addition of a strategic plan update and an update on the Treasure Trove status. Lynn Doelle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasure Trove is sponsoring its first big fundraiser at The Grove Golf Course on Sunday, July 25, 2021. Details can be found on the district website. Thank you to their leadership team who have made this a reality.

We discussed the past practice of not naming buildings in our complex. We are a small complex with many amazing staff persons to acknowledge.

Attempts are being made to make COVID testing available within the school during the school day as a way to speed up identification of active cases in order to diminish the spread of covid within our building.

We agreed to nominate three area businesses for the WASB Business Honor Roll this year. Winona Community Foundation, Waste Transport and Great River Harbor have been the business leaders in forming the Treasure Trove. We are grateful for their leadership and generosity.

After reviewing again, the budget records and projections, we requested that Dr Fairbanks seek an actuarial review of the proposed compensation plan to verify its sustainability into the future. We also directed Dr Fairbanks to share the plan with teachers.

We discussed ways to involve all stakeholders in reviewing and/or creating a vision and mission statement to guide our school. All interested community members are encouraged to join us. We are identifying the future of our school and want all voices represented. Further detail about dates and times will be available on the district website.

Dr Fairbanks distributed the evidence gathered for our consideration as we evaluate her first year as superintendent. This process will be completed by June 30, 2021.

Kalene Engel made the motion to adjourn. Don Baloun seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.