

# The Professional Committee



ProCom is a joint committee of  
The Millard Public Schools and  
The Millard Education Association



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The ProCom meeting convened on December 7, 2006 at ESU #3.

**In Attendance:**

**District:** Keith Lutz,, Martha Bruckner, Kirby Eltiste, Mark Feldhausen, Steve Moore, Nick Meysenburg, Nancy Johnston, Angelo Passarelli, and Craig Whaley

**Association:** Tony Levy, Sherry Havranek, Molly Erickson, Matt Heys, Jim Mercer, Erin Shirmang-Ward, and Mike Foyt

Mark Feldhausen updated the committee on the progress being made with Infinite Campus, Grade Book, report cards and the student email system "Gaggle."

January will be the first anniversary of Infinite Campus, and adjustments are still being made. The Technology area has added a help desk person to answer questions about Infinite Campus. Most questions seem to come from administrators and secretaries. There are plans for more training for teachers.

The technology department is in the process of installing a 64 bit server to add additional memory to speed up process. This conversion will be done over winter break, so the downtime will be minimal.

Dr. Feldhausen will be asking all teachers by the end of the semester to change their passwords. He reiterated how important it is not to have passwords written down in plain sight where anybody and everybody would have access to confidential information.

A help sheet will be provided for teachers in regards to the Elementary Grade Book Report Card. On Wednesday the report card portion was opened for teachers to use.

Teacher's suggested that instead of reporting science scores it would be better to post spelling or reading scores, because there would be more scores to post, and it would allow for more practice for teachers. There was a question about if there would be a choice for teachers to post spelling, or other scores, in addition to the science.

Gaggle was set up as a student email to support curriculum activities; however, it is also a social, networking on the web, and profile page. The most important aspect of Gaggle is that it is a filtered and monitored system to go along with Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requirements. There is a focus group meeting to decide on how to monitor, and to set operating parameters, while working with the building administrators.

Ultimately, every student will have an e-mail account set up, which will follow them through all grade levels, help with curriculum projects, and will be a safe haven for their social networking. This will be accessible from their home, and still can be monitored for any misuse by the student or a staff member.

In response to questions presented to Steve Moore, he reported that all teachers and other employees who have the District's insurances (life, health and dental) will be notified by the benefits department if the employee hasn't updated their information. Open enrollment is now closed; however, employee's can request changes on-line to, health, dental, and life insurance, and PayFlex flexible spending accounts due

to a life altering situation (birth, death, divorce, marriage, spouse loss of employment or coverage). All changes are reviewed for eligibility by the benefits department before they become effective.

A vendor fair for 403(b) will be scheduled for sometime in March.

Dr. Lutz said extended contracts will probably be a topic for discussion during the negotiation process. Dr. Lutz explained by expanding summer school there is a need to find innovative ways to accomplish many tasks that need to be done during the school year. Teachers will go through a hiring process when contracts would become available.

Dr. Lutz updated the group as to what has transpired during meetings with community leaders, and senators on a compromise on LB 1024.

The next meeting date for PROCOM will be on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.