

The Professional Committee



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



The PROCOM meeting was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at the Millard Public Schools Foundation office at 1:30 p.m.

Administrators present: Keith Lutz, Angelo Passarelli, Mark Feldhausen, Jim Sutfin, Chad Meisgeier, Josh Fields, John Southworth and Curtis Case

MEA Members present: Molly Erickson, Jackee Wise, Tim Royers, Tonya Dykstra, Casey Horpedahl, Erin Shirmang-Ward, and Paul Schulte

I. Bond Issue

Dr. Lutz stated that building principals are having meetings with staff to answer questions relating to the bond issue. They have been informing staff and parents on what the bond issues are. Dr. Lutz said the bond needs to pass in order to free up money from the General Fund. The vote will be by mail-in ballot. This is the first time this has been done. The bond will provide necessary money to upgrade building security (digital cameras, swipe cards, magnetic doors, etc.), technology (infrastructure, servers, switches, cable, etc.), renovations (boilers, air conditioning, roofs), and building additions. Everything in the Bond Issue affects teachers and students. Every building in the district will benefit from the money the Bond Issue generates.

II. School Day and Calendar

Mark Feldhausen showed the average instructional times for elementary, middle and high school and how they changed between the 10-11 school year and 11-12 school year. A list was also given showing comparisons for the Metro area school calendars. Dr. Lutz stated that the length of the school day is not a negotiable item. Angelo Passarelli will be forming a calendar committee. The committee will consist of both staff and parents from the district. There will be around 35 members.

III. Technology

There have been a number of issues with the reliability of the district technology. Dr. Lutz stated that there is no local support for Novell at this time. The district is meeting to discuss possible changes. The district will communicate better with staff regarding the problems staff is facing.

IV. Wellness

The website launches on October 1. The program is run by Simply Well. There was much discussion regarding staff feeling this program is intrusive. The district believes this is a preventive measure. A participant in the plan gets one free physical per year. Illnesses could be detected early. Everyone needs to be concerned with their health. The first year requires a Health Screening and completion of an on-line health questionnaire. It is unclear yet what subsequent years will involve. If you participate in the Wellness Program MPS will pay 100% of your full premium contribution.

ProCom adjourned at 3:35. The next ProCom meets December 8, 2011.