

The Professional Committee



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



The ProCom meeting was held on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at ESU #3.

Members present:

DISTRICT: Keith Lutz, Ken Fossen, Mark Feldhausen, Angelo Passarelli, Jon Lopez, Jim Sutfin, Craig Whaley, Chad Meisgeier, Brian Begley, John Southworth, Andy DeFreece, Kim Saum-Mills

MEA: Molly Erickson, Mike Wiesen, Mike Foyt, Katie Tessin, Katie McGinness, Lloyd Hoshaw, Erin Shirmang-Ward, Paul Schulte, and Amy Thalken

This was the first meeting of the Professional Committee for the 2009-2010 school year. Introductions were made and a brief history of ProCom was given.

I. Day 194

There are many choices of classes that staff can take. They are also offered on a variety of dates. Day 194 may be fulfilled by taking two 4 hour classes. The subjects have been created by staff and administrators. Most staff would rather complete the extra day in August. It would be good if more August dates could be added. It is also being discussed for the future that the 194th contract day be just an added day instead of 8 hours of classes chosen from a variety of dates.

II. Obama Speech

Policy 6240.1 was implemented regarding this issue. This policy deals with controversial topics. The district's goal is to protect teachers and students. If a topic fits into the curriculum the teacher can elect to cover it. A teacher cannot, however, insert their own individual political ideals. Parents do have the right to request their child not participate if they oppose the issue.

III. Pandemic Plan

The district does have a plan in place. It is pretty general. The Center of Disease Control makes the decision if something is pandemic. Regarding H1N1 flu doctors are saying to stay at home and treat it like any other flu. If a person becomes very ill with a high fever then they should check with their doctor. Right now there is more deep cleaning being done in all buildings.

IV. Stimulus Dollar Budget

A budget has been passed to use some of the money in classrooms. Part of the state aid this year was federal stimulus dollars. This money can only be spent on things not salaries or people. Millard has a wide range where the money is slotted to be spent. Ex. technology, develop a Wellness Program, Career Academies, like skills issues, 21st Century skills, expand to assets program, a program for students who have been expelled or suspended, fund poverty programs, transportation, etc.

V. Extra Duty Committee

The committee will get together to see if Millard is competitive. They will see if any new extra duty positions are needed. Right now there are 99 positions for extra duty with multiple people in each position. In the past the committee has reviewed extra duty by dividing them up in thirds.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next ProCom meeting is scheduled for December 10th.