



Glen Ellyn School District 41: Ignite Passion. Inspire Excellence. Imagine Possibilities.

Parent – Teacher Advisory Committee (PTAC) Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 22, 2014  
3:45 – 5:30 p.m.  
Hadley Junior High School

**Purpose:** To understand the requirements of the School Code, as it relates to discipline policies, and make recommendations to the Board of Education based on review of current information

**Non-purpose:** To discuss specific discipline incidents

**Members Present:** Chris Abbott, Jill Amrhein, Jodi Baltimore, Nicole Folsom, Jen Frazer, Kelly Kardas, Gina Krizman, Catherine Lemon, Katie Luehrs, Jen Power, Dave Scarmardo, Brian Schremp, Samantha Sebastian, Lori Taylor, Christine Thiese

**Minutes:**

1. Approval of 5-15-14 PTAC Meeting Minutes
  - a. Minutes approved
2. Review Last Week's Work and Recommendations
3. Continue Review and Status Update of 2013 – 2014 PTAC Recommendations
  - a. Recommendation #8
    - i. Elementary schools: Internet safety education is presented to students by the LMC specialists and revisited each trimester.
    - ii. Hadley: next year internet safety education will be implemented with 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade health classes. Internet safety curriculum is mandated by ISBE for all grades.
    - iii. LMC specialist will meet with PTA and families to discuss internet safety issues and questions. Parents would like internet safety on different devices, how to monitor their child's online activity, and new apps and social media information through the district with PTA help (similar to the Hadley Guidance Counselor's presentation for PTA, which was posted online as a follow-up to the presentation).
    - iv. LMC specialist could post a "Parent Tip" for internet safety on the district website. "Ask the Expert" idea was suggested.
  - b. Recommendation #9
    - i. This recommendation will be deleted. The committee believes this recommendation's purpose was and/or will be met through actions from other recommendations.
  - c. Recommendation #10 & 11
    - i. D41 Bully-Prevention Protocol should be periodically communicated to parents and students. Parent representatives suggested that the PBL

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- videos recently created by 6<sup>th</sup> graders for incoming Hadley students could be shared with new students as a tool for addressing student concerns regarding bullying.
- ii. Recommendation was suggested to have two visit days for 5<sup>th</sup> graders: one for building logistics and one for bullying prevention. Logistically this may not be an option. A follow-up recommendation was made that 6<sup>th</sup> grade videos be posted online for parents and students to view over the summer.
  - iii. Peer pressure integrated into health curriculum in regards to bullying and cyberbullying.
  - iv. "Franklin Families" (students from every grade level and a parent volunteer) meets once a month and discusses bullying issues. The elementary teachers report success with this initiative. The committee will explore what occurs at the other elementary buildings.
4. Review 2013 – 2014 Discipline Data
    - a. Tabled for next meeting
  5. Finalize 2014 – 2015 PTAC Recommendations
    - a. Tabled for next meeting
  6. Identify Presenters for the June Board of Education Meeting Presentation
    - a. June 9<sup>th</sup> – Any volunteers to present should email Jill
  7. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>