

May 12th Board Meeting Highlights

Technology Update: The Board and the audience had the pleasure of viewing a presentation about the District's recent technology initiatives. Carlos Garcia led the presentation, which included students demonstrating how to use an interactive promethean white board. White boards are being installed in all of the new classrooms. One of the District's goals is technology integration and the use of technology to enhance our curriculum and its delivery.

Discussion about Early Release Time for Professional Development: The Teaching and Learning Council presented its recommendation for Early Release days to be used for teacher-directed collaboration and development. Audience members and Board members offered comments about the proposal. The goal of additional time for teacher collaboration and development was widely endorsed, but there was concern about decreasing the number of classroom minutes to achieve this goal. The Board agreed to continue to look at this program during the upcoming teachers' contract negotiations. The complete 2010-2011 calendar will be approved at a later day, but a number of dates have already been approved: the first day of school is August 24; the Winter Recess is December 20-31; the Mid-Winter Recess is February 21-25; the Spring Recess is April 11-15; the last day of school is June 10.

Discussion about the Facilities Project: The Board approved a Lease Leaseback agreement with Wright Contracting for Phase III of the construction project, the multipurpose room. Work on this project will begin in mid-June.

Discussion about Dogs on Campus: The Board discussed a draft policy about dogs on campus. The policy prohibits dogs from being anywhere on school property. This policy will be voted on at the June meeting.

From the Ross School Board of Trustees
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Our next regular Board Meeting is Wednesday, June 9. Open session starts at 7:30pm.