

# Support Staff Council Meeting Minutes

## September 24, 2015

The *Support Council* met on September 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Central Office conference room. Council members present were: Tammy Taylor, Robin Sontag, Michelle Hollingsworth, Jennifer Maynard, Ed Eary, Cindy Canter, Jo Willis, Melissa Curry, Lisa Sieberkrob and Richard Harden.

### Welcome:

Mr. Harden called the meeting to order and welcomed all members to the Support Council meeting.

### Communications:

The communication section centered on the following:

- Health Insurance: District officials have been advised that there will be no increase in premiums or changes in health insurance plans for 2016. The official dates for Open Enrollment are October 1-26. At a very minimum, ALL employees must sign and submit at new *Cafeteria Plan Form* to the District's Benefit Coordinator, Becky Sewell. Detailed instructions have been provided to each employee. Please do not miss the OCTOBER 26 deadline.
- Salary Schedule: The adopted Support Staff salary schedules for 2015-2016 are organized by official state job classifications. The salary schedule(s) for each classification(s) is adopted by the local school District. Changes to the salary schedules for all classifications are considered each year during the budgeting process.
- Food Service: It was brought to the attention of the Council that additional drying racks may be needed for the new plastic trays. It was also suggested by JELV employees that vegetarian green beans be taken off the menu, since few children are actually eating the beans. This information will be communicated to Ms. Barden, the District's Food Service Director.
- Traffic Control: Concerns were expressed again about traffic control at the entrance located between the Board of Education Building and the Jessamine Early Learning Village. Deputy Superintendent Moore is working on a solution to this issue.
- Students Walking on Wilmore Road: Further information from Deputy Superintendent Moore about safety concerns regarding students walking on Kentucky Route 29 (Wilmore Road): Jessamine County received a \$200,000 grant to study the possibility of connecting US68 to the Eastern Bypass with a Bike/Pedestrian Path. This would likely connect all of our schools, including BES, along Wilmore Road, Maple Street and Sulphur Well Road. One of the first phases of the project is to get feedback from various stakeholders. Instead of scheduling individual school meetings, as suggested by the architect, I recommended that we group these meetings together with the schools most likely impacted by the walking path and invite students, parents and school representatives. I also recommended that we invite secondary students, with a focus on those likely to be impacted by the walking path (ex. Students living downtown or in one of the neighborhoods in close proximity to the schools). Two meetings are scheduled October 29th: @ RDES from 10:00-11:30 (for RDES, WM & WH) and @ JCTC from 12:30-2:00 (for JELV, BES, NES, WAR, EH & JCTC)
- Paraprofessional Teaching Assistants: The Board has approved *Paraprofessional Teaching Assistant* positions for the 2015-2016 school. These positions are distinct from that of *Instructional Assistant*, have a different job description, are paid from a different salary schedule and require a Bachelor's degree.

### Other:

- If there are questions or issues that need to be discussed at the next *Support Council* meeting, please email those to Richard Harden in advance at: [richard.harden@jessamine.kyschools.us](mailto:richard.harden@jessamine.kyschools.us).

Note the next meeting of the *Support Council* will be **FRIDAY, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**