

ICCSA Districtwide Parents' Organization  
September 14,2016 Meeting Minutes: Kirkwood Regional Center

Attendees: Laura Broffitt, Jessi Benest, Denise Zumbach, Shwetal Vyas, Jeff Coster, Carol Joriman, Marla Swesay, Phil Hemingway, Jessi Viering, Paul Roesler, Sandy DeShinckel, Tea Ho, Angela Pitkin, Amy Randre, Brad Kelly, Denise Seabold, Tara Sterba, Cynthia Crossett Powell, Ben Brozene, Shawn Eyestone, Besty Miller, Kerri Goers, Tony Gatewood, Jenni Mettemeyer, Craig Hansel, Matt Degner, Amy Kortemeyer, Steve Murley, Kristen Pederson

Representing: Van Allen, Wickham, Longfellow, Hills, Coralville Central, Shimek, Garner, NCJH, Liberty, Hoover, Weber, Kirkwood, Horn, Penn, Wickham, NCJH, Mann, West, Transitions-CAPSTO, Lincoln, ICCSD School Board, ICCSD Admin

- I. Gathering at Kirkwood Regional Center began at 11:30. Lunch was provided by the DPO and DPO executive board members.
- II. Call to order
  - A. Individuals present gave brief introductions including the schools they represented.
  - B. Co-Presidents: Maka Pilcher-Hayek and Tea Ho formally welcomed those present.
- III. Career Services Coordinator, Angela Mosely, presented an overview of the Kirkwood Regional Center
  - A. Kirkwood Regional Center represents a partnership between four counties, the University of Iowa, Kirkwood community college, STEM lab and Grant Wood AEA.
  - B. High schools that participate in programming include ICCSD, Solon, Regina, Clear Creek Amana, Tipton, Mid-Prairie and West Liberty.
  - C. The curriculum assists with successful transition from high school to college. The students are expected to assume an increased level of responsibility for their coursework similar to the college experience.
  - D. There are 19 "Academies" provided to students. Academies allow students to explore options within fields they may be interested in prior to assuming the financial responsibilities of college. Examples of the academies include Arts and Science Academy and Patient Care Academy.
  - E. Students receive dual credit for both high school and college
  - F. Participation is free of charge to the students
  - G. Counseling to students includes financial tracking of credits to educate students about the cost of college education.

- IV. Steve Murley provided additional comments regarding the Kirkwood Regional Center
  - A. There are 19 academies available which can be viewed at [www.kirkwood.edu/johnsonacademies](http://www.kirkwood.edu/johnsonacademies)
  - B. Students receive 12 credits over the course of the year
  - C. There are three sectionals daily: early morning, mid-day, and afternoon
  - D. There is a loop bus that assists with providing transportation from West and City HS to the Regional Center and back.
  - E. There are six districts and ten high schools served
  - F. There are 300 students from ICCSD currently enrolled
  - G. There is no funding taken out of the home schools of students that participate
- V. DPO Officer Reports
  - A. President
    - 1. October meeting topic will be Weighted Resource Allocation. Presenters will include Steve Murley, Amy Kortemeyer, and Matt Degner. Borlaug Elementary will host
    - 2. November meeting topic will be Tools and Tips for PTOs/PTAs. People with ideas for topics to be covered or those willing to volunteer helpful information should contact DPO presidents.
  - B. Secretary
    - 1. May meeting minutes were circulated for review and approval.
    - 2. Announcement to all members present that DPO dues for each school were \$40 per school and due November 1st, 2016. Checks may be payable to the DPO and sent to: Marisa Keeney, DPO Treasurer, 320 Fox Run, North Liberty, IA 52317
    - 3. DPO Representative forms for each school were present to be picked up. Forms include contact information for participants and should be returned to the DPO Secretary or emailed to [dpoiccsd@gmail.com](mailto:dpoiccsd@gmail.com)
  - C. Treasurer
    - 1. Budget was presented by Ben Brozene. Motion to pass 2016-2017 DPO Budget was made by Maka Pilcher-Hayek and seconded by Jenni Mettemeyer. Budget was passed.
  - D. Past President
    - 1. Announcement was made that Liberty High School PTA is seeking donations

2. Three volunteers are needed to attend a reception for Any Given Child at Hancher on October 25th from 4:30 until 6:30 pm. Interested volunteers should contact Shawn Eyestone.

E. Foundation:

1. Dine out for Schools will be September 22nd. Ten percent of proceeds are donated to the Foundation
2. There were nine schools with highest FRL that received \$1,000 Apple grants
3. Lucky's Grocery Store ICCSD Shopping day September 1 raised \$2,700 for school of the wild
4. Run For The Schools is scheduled for Sunday October 16th. Participants need to register by September 30th to receive a t-shirt.
5. Please Join the Foundation membership and receive your ABC card
6. Makerspaces are in available in six secondary schools
7. Eighth grade students will be bused to Hancher in October for a theater performance during the school day. Performance coordinates with curriculum.

F. Open Discussion

1. Steve Murley
  - a) Overview of decisions from the School Board Meeting on September 13th including a brief discussion of boundaries, transition of students to Liberty High, and Voluntary/Optional transfers.
  - b) Current capacity of high schools
  - c) Clarification of process for determining early out related to heat. Reassurance that safety for all faculty and students is the priority.

G. Presentation: Structure and Organization of ICCSD

1. Due to the length of the Open Discussion time for the formal presentation was limited to an overhead chart and explanation of the current ICCSD priority to continue with its efforts for "Horizontal Integration" between elementary schools to ensure curriculums within the district are consistent. Focus is currently on "Vertical Integration" to enhance transitions from elementary school to Junior High and from Junior High to High School.

Next Meeting: October 12, 2016, 11:30 at Borlaug Elementary, 1000 Kennedy Pkwy Coralville, IA 52246. Topic will be Weighted Resource Allocation Model, presented by Steve Murley, Amy Kortemeyer, and Matt Degner

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kerri Goers & Jenni Mettemeyer, DPO Co-Secretaries

Co-Presidents: Tea Ho and Mary-Kate Pilcher-Hayek  
Co-Presidents Elect - Tara Sterba and Brad Kelly  
Past Co-Presidents - Ben Brozene and Shawn Eyestone  
Co-Secretaries: Kerri Goers and Jenni Mettemeyer  
Treasurer: Marise Keeney