



PCCS Board of Directors
Excellence in Academic Programs Advisory Committee
Minutes

Monday, March 22, 2010
6:00 P.M.

Lower Level Kennicott Building, 1531 Jones Point Road
Grayslake, IL 60030

Approved April 26, 2010

Members Present:	Absent:	Public:	Guest Presenters
Myron Dagley Brian Greene Tony Zamiar Sherry Halvorsen Karen Achtemeier Barb Provost Maria Sandborn Naomi Dulin Cynthia McGovern	Andrea Koeniger Geoff Deigan	Eric Hebert Jody Johns Kristin Caldwell	Erica Pfeiffer Melissa Ritter

Call to order

Barb called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Consent Agenda

There was a motion to Approve Open Session Minutes: 2/22/2010. Moved: Myron Dagley, Tony Zamiar

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Discussion Agenda:

- A. Learning Farm Presentation:** Guest presenters Erica Phiffer and Melissa Ritter provided a slide presentation and information about the Learning Farm. They provided information on the activities and learning that takes place at the different grade levels (tiers) and how the activities of the Learning Farm are integrated into the curriculum in support of our environmental education. *This topic provided great insight into the unique educational opportunities this asset provides.*
- B. Presentation on how Environment will be tied into Virginia Trip:** Naomi provided information on three new activities in which the kids will be participating while on the Virginia trip. These activities are in support of integrating environmental opportunities for learning. They are: Assessing each hotel on how environmentally astute they are by working through an environmental checklist; assessing restaurants on the same; creating a field guide to look assess such topics as landscapes, topography, landforms and the like. *It would be beneficial for Naomi to report back on the outcomes of these new activities.*
- C. Discussion on Multi-age classrooms:** As request from Brian Green, the committee did research on multi-age classrooms, shared information and discussed the features and benefits of this model to learning, the children and the school. *No decision made – this was just an opportunity for information sharing and learning.*

Public Comment

Parents Jody Johns and Kristin Caldwell participated in the multi-age classroom discussion. Both of them have children in multi-age classroom and parent Caldwell is a teacher and promoted the benefits of learning in a multi-age environment.

Suggestions for Future Agenda

- Discussion on Math, math at the middle school level and math evaluation

Adjourn

Barb motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00. Moved: Myron Dagley. Second: Tony Zamiar.

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