

End of the Year

The end of the school year went particularly smoothly. The students, staff and parents all cooperated nicely to ensure a positive end of the year for students. The June 7 institute day was well received by the vast majority of the staff according to the evaluation forms turned in. Again, a special thanks to Barb Sager, Lori Graciana, Shane Finley, Cheryl Peterson, Kristi Crawford, Kevin Finnegan, Jane Lenser and Kim Moore. Anna Rich from COTG also presented for us along with a presenter from NIA for Special Education.

Summer School

All three of the district's summer school programs have started strong. The 5-12 students are working via Compass Learning at NBHS. The Early Childhood (EC) and ESL students are doing well at Poplar Grove. The first summer library hour day was June 14 and over 50 children took advantage of book checkout at UE & PG as well as story hour at PG.

Update on State Funding, etc.

Currently, the state is still looking to finalize its budget for 2011-2012. The key to this is Governor Quinn's desire to obtain additional bonding authority. Federal funding is no clearer at this point. Our Title I funding is down approximately almost 10% while our Title II funding will increase about \$5K.

Capital Development Board – Update & Impact Fees

We haven't heard back on either of these issues since the last meeting, but I asked our architect to contact the CDB last week to try to obtain a progress update.

Architect RFP

The architectural firms that are interested in completing the RFP were offered a tour of the district's facilities on Wednesday June 15. Ten firms participated. The RFP are due to the district office by June 23 after which the staff will review the proposals and determine which firms should be interviewed.

Technology Update

Currently, we will be upgrading to the new version of Power School (7.0) in late July prior to the first registration day. Kathy is working with the principals and secretaries to finish up the yearend reports for the state.

Truancy Ordinance

Michelle Courier has presented the draft Truancy Ordinance to the County Board. It was approved by the County Board at its June 15 meeting in a 7-5 vote.