Concord School District Committee Minutes

School Board Committee: Instructional

Date: August 18, 2008

Committee Members Present: Kass Ardinger, Chair, Chris Casko Martin Honigberg, Jennifer Patterson

Other Board Members Present: Betty Hoadley

Administration: Chris Rath, Rob Prohl, Susan Noyes, Susan Lauze, Chris Demers

Winter Activities  The purpose of the discussion was to clarify the status of the ski program in the elementary schools and the expectation for students and staff who don’t ski.

Principal Lauze described the status of the ski program at Broken Ground School, where approximately 90–100 students participate. Currently, parents organize the ski program, pay for the program and bus transportation. At Broken Ground, classes continue as usual for students who don’t elect to participate in the ski program. Children who participate in the ski program are marked absent for the half day.

Principal Noyes reported that there were no special activities for Walker students who did not participate in the ski program.

After much discussion, the Committee agreed that skiing is not a school-based activity. It should be a parent-led program. Teachers will be in school providing instruction to students who do not choose to ski at the Pat’s Peak program. Time of dismissal for skiing students and the types or forms of instruction at school will be decided on a school-by-school basis.

Class Size  Superintendent Rath provided Committee members with graphs showing the distribution of classes by size for the past four years. The Committee is interested in further information about the research about the effect of class size on student achievement and asked the Superintendent to organize a meeting dedicated to the class size research. This meeting will be well-publicized and taped for CCTV.

World Language and Music Enrollments at Rundlett  Superintendent Rath provided the Committee with the enrollments of students at Rundlett in World Languages and in Performing Groups for the past five years. The numbers for 2008–2009 are registrations. The Committee asked to review this data again when the actual enrollments for 2008–2009 are available.

Kass Ardinger, Chair
Chris Rath, Recorder

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