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# School Board 201

Fall PTO/A Board Visit 2010



**MINNETONKA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



# Review: School Board 101

- Available on Minnetonka Website:
  - [http://www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/videos/0910/school\\_board\\_info.wmv](http://www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/videos/0910/school_board_info.wmv)
- Covers the basics of School Board operation and how to communicate with the School Board
- School Board has a continuing commitment to visit each building twice a year to share information with parents

# School Board 201



- Board develops District goals over the Summer by reflecting on:
  - Student achievement data
  - Parent/community survey data and input
  - Recommendations from Administration
  - Emerging needs
  - Financial forecasts
  - Strategic planning

# 2010 – 2011 District Goals



- Strategic Plan – oversight of continued execution of adopted action plans
- Full implementation and institutionalization of five new programs (Rtl, Middle School, Navigator, Immersion, Fine Arts)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills – Staff Development to meet needs of today's learners
- Financial positioning – being prepared to meet the challenges brought on by today's financial realities
- Innovation – continuing to stay relevant to the digital generation

# 2010 – 2011 Goals



- Available on the District website:
  - <http://www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/administration/Board/Pages/Goals.aspx>
- Reviewed at Monthly Meetings
  - Agendas available at:  
<http://www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/administration/Board/Meetings/PublicRecord/Forms/2010%20Agendas.aspx>
  - Streaming video available at:  
<http://www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/administration/Board/Pages/Video.aspx>
- Used in evaluation of the Superintendent

# Goal Highlights: Financial Positioning

- State faces a \$6.2B deficit (could be higher)
- Actions the Board and Administration have taken to secure Minnetonka's finances:
  - Substantial refinancing of debt
  - Increasing Enrollment
  - Innovative strategies: leasing bus garage, energy saving automated systems, self-insured employee health plan
  - Strategic staffing and enrollment targets (700 /grade)
  - Administrative group lean (4.1%)

# Class Sizes

2010-2011 Class Size Ranges	(RSK 9-13) K	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Chinese</b>	18-22	13-20	13-18	15-16	17-20	n/a
<b>English</b>	12-22	14-21	17-25	20-25	18-29	21-30
<b>Spanish</b>	14-22	16-24	16-24	14-23	18-32	n/a

Class Size Averages	K	1	2	3	4	5
<b>2010-2011</b>	17.9	18.8	20.2	21.1	23.4	25.7
<b>2005-2006</b>	15.6	19.7	21.6	23.2	23.5	24.7
<b>2000-2001</b>	18.9	21.6	22.0	24.4	23.5	25.1

# Goal Highlights: Financial Positioning

- 2010 Election Cycle will have a significant impact
- Ways to Learn More:
  - CASE Website:  
<http://www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/getinvolved/case/>
  - State Education Brochure:  
<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/fiscal/files/10fined.pdf>
  - AMSD survey:  
[http://www.amsd.org/research\\_stats.html](http://www.amsd.org/research_stats.html)



# Goal Highlights: Innovation

- Education must innovate to stay relevant to the digital generation
- When the future is challenging and uncertain, it is even more critical for the good to continue to improve.
- From Our District Vision:
  - *We have but one chance to do the right thing as each individual child moves through our schools. We must work with the appropriate sense of urgency to ensure that all children are able to pursue their brightest dreams for their future. (p. 23)*
- We have history of innovation (SMART Boards, sound fields, ConnectEd) and are continuing to build on that:
  - Wireless at MHS to expand handheld access to internet
  - Thin-clients at elementary (increases number of student computers without the cost of the desktop)
  - Schoology (e-learning tool with Facebook look/feel)

# Goal Highlights: Innovation

- Engaging the Digital Generation, Ian Jukes – Nov. 17, 7 PM

## 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY ATTRIBUTES & ABILITIES

<p><b>CRITICAL THINKING</b>            Analysis            Precision and accuracy            Managing complexity            Inductive and deductive reasoning            Information Development</p>	<p><b>CREATIVE THINKING</b>            Inventive and Intuitive Thinking            Innovation            Adaptability            Problem-solving            Curiosity</p>
<p><b>COMMUNICATION:</b>            Professional and technical writing            Information Development            Rhetoric/Persuasion            Confidence            Credibility and charisma</p>	<p><b>COLLABORATION</b>            Small group dynamics            Management of outcomes            Networking skills            Interpersonal</p>
<p><b>RESPONSIBILITY AND LEADERSHIP:</b> Ethics, Initiative, Persistence, Accountability, Endurance and Sustainability</p>	
<p><b>21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY MODEL:</b> Global Awareness, Financial Responsibility, Civic duty, Global Economic Principles, Information Communication Technology Literacy, Thematic Integration</p>	

# Wrap Up



- School Board is available to you via:
  - Email: [schoolboard@minnetonka.k12.mn.us](mailto:schoolboard@minnetonka.k12.mn.us)
  - Phone: Contact info is on the web and in your District calendar
- More details on the District are also available in our Annual Report:  
<http://www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/newsroom/Pages/AnnualReport.aspx>
- Thank you for all you do for our staff, students and schools! Together we make a difference for all of our kids.

Questions?