Committee of the Whole
October 8, 2025
Thornton Fractional Center for Academics & Technology
1605 Wentworth Ave.
Calumet City, IL 60409
MINUTES



## 1. Call to Order/Roll call

President Terrazas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following roll call: **Present:** Calderon-Miranda, Guyton, Myers, Newman, Perkins, Terrazas, Williams (arrived 6:02 p.m.) **Absent:** 

## 2. Communication/Public Comment (none)

A. Local police articulation—Interim Superintendent Williams shared members of the administrative team met with local police departments to discuss articulation, communication and ways to build relationships with students. There was general discussion about ICE. The group will meet quarterly.

## 3. Buildings Grounds/Safety Committee--Member Williams

- A. Construction Project Update—Mr. Stephan shared photos of the work that has been done starting with barbering classroom renovation, the completion of the roof with the fire, the pool at North timelapse showing the original 1926 and the process of filling it. The main purpose is to use the space as a wrestling room which can also be used as a multipurpose room. The tennis courts turned out well, and the TF North football field is beautiful. The ROE is giving final inspection tomorrow.
- B. Future projects at North campus: kitchen, continuation of roof projects, front stairs (heated) and replace the doors,15 classrooms with old AC will add drop ceilings to cover piping install new LED lighting. Another project is dealing with seepage at next summer. While we can address seepage, we cannot address flooding which is a community system challenge. Work will be done on elevators and rooftop systems; have budgeted \$1 million already; most of money will be from capital funds.
- C. Building Usage Report—couple of events cancelled

## 4. Curriculum Committee--Member Calderon-Miranda

- A. TFN Student Travel Proposal—Mr. Rucinski shared a potential proposal and asked for input from the board about exploring it further. Discussion included the strong belief in giving students great opportunities; the need to make sure everything is done right; should have two lead people including at least one administrator. Concerned about financials for some students and will have some parameters regarding behavior. May look at other trips and consideration of opening to both campuses.
- B. Dual Credit/CTE
  - Dual Credit College MOU Renewals—Mr. Mastey shared the program allows high school students to earn college credit while also earning high school credit. The agreements (JJC and SSC) give articulation understanding and there are no substantive changes. Programming is listed in course outline, and a nursing program will be explored.
  - 2. Car Donation Contract from CREF—want to see growth in hs programming; have partnered with district in various ways; students need to work on more current vehicles; once finished with vehicle either donate to fire department or donate back

5. Equity Committee

A. CUBE Conference report—Member Myers hared key points from the CUBE conference focusing on innovative approaches to recruitment and retention. She added that her opinion is it's expensive and may be worth sending someone every other year. Administration will look at the handout and will review for what the district is doing with a focus on items #2 and 4. Discussion included that the district has done training on bias and that implicit bias is also part of interview committee training.

6. Behavior Intervention/Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee--Member Newman

A. Suspension Reports—The principals reviewed the suspension reports highlighting that there are fewer incidents with multiple students and multiple days. It is recognized that tardies are an issue and tardy policies need to be reviewed/updated. Dr. O'Rourke will be establishing a tardy policy advisory panel. Character education projects have students do a project specifically to review their decision making. Board comments included appreciation for the data qualitative analysis by administration. There will be focused, intentional analysis of the student handbook.

7. Policy Committee--Member Guyton

A. 2025-26 Administrative Organizational Chart—No action is needed by the board, just an fyi.

8. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. This motion, made by Member Myers and seconded by Member Newman, passed on voice vote.

Jacq Whi Illay President

Recording Secretary