

Mark Your Calendar

The next School Board Meeting is June 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Edina Community Center in room 349.

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Board adopts 1-To-1 Laptop Pilot Program

The Board approved the implementation of a two-year, 1-to-1 laptop pilot program at the middle school level beginning August 2009. The new student-centered instruction delivery method will be put in place starting with one eighth-grade team at South View Middle School. During the second year of the pilot, a second team of eighth-grade students from Valley View Middle School will be added. During the first year of the project, laptops would be purchased for all of the eighth grade teachers to support their readiness in 2011-2012. The goals of the program are to enhance the personalized learning experience, expand learning opportunities beyond the school walls by providing real-world learning experiences, develop in students the 21st century skills needed to compete in a global society and help students score significantly higher on the MCA science test and the constructive response questions. The program also aligns with the District's initiative to maximize resources of time and talent.

Board reviews update on West Metro Education Program

The West Metro Education Program (WMEP), which is an 11-member Joint Powers school district, gave the Board a report on the White student population percentages by district and in each school within the Edina District. They also showed the MCA reading and math scores of White students compared to African American students. The WMEP reported that the upper Midwest is becoming more diverse, but still less than the nation, according to the Census Bureau.

2009-2010 School Board Meeting Dates

2009	2010
07-20	01-11
08-17	01-25
09-8 (5 p.m.)	02-08 (5 p.m.)
09-29	02-22
10-13 (5 p.m.)	03-15
10-26	04-12
11-9	05-03 (5 p.m.)
December Tax	05-17
Hearing TBD	06-15
by Hennepin County	06-21

School Board Meetings are held at 7 p.m. in room 349 of the Edina Community Center. The four meetings listed at 5 p.m. will be conducted as workshops.

Board hears presentation on Connecting with Community

Over the course of the 2008-2009 school year, Cornelia staff members have connected with the Edina community in many ways. Mike Weinkauff and Maggie Vecchio-Smith implemented the Homework Helpers program for over 40 Cornelia students. Volunteers from South View Middle School, Rotary and the Edina community worked one on one with students during Homework Helpers. Cornelia's ELL teachers, Joan Jonswold, Mary Smith and Crystal Sorenson started a Somali Advisory Council at Cornelia. This group met quarterly and was composed of Somali parents at Cornelia and Cornelia staff members. The goal of the council was to build stronger connections between school and home. Finally, Cornelia teachers Carmen Nesheim and Mary Rider trained community volunteers to serve as Literacy Volunteers in Cornelia's primary classrooms. This helped Cornelia's classroom teachers meet the varied needs of their students.