

**Public Review Committee (PRC) and SSD Board of Education  
Special School District of St. Louis County**

**Meeting Documentation**

**MEETING DATE: May 13, 2014    TIME: 4:30 PM**

**LOCATION: SSD Central Office Board Room**

**ATTENDEES:** Rob Castle, Larry Felton, Craig Larson, Bruce Major, Shelly Shray and Jack Williams

**HANDOUTS:** Agenda  
 Questions for SSD Board of Education  
 Bios of SSD Board of Education

All handouts emailed prior to meeting

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
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**Call to Order**            Ms. Shelly Shray, Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Introduction**           Ms. Shelley Shray gave a brief overview of the purpose and responsibilities of the Public Review Committee.

**Board of Ed**            Shelley Shray asked the questions for the PRC.

Things have changed since legislation created the PRC. Is this process still relevant? How do you currently view the value of the task of the PRC?

- PRC has value as another set of eyes.
- Viewed and valued as an outside review as the Board is composed of people with different views to the district.
- Want honest appraisal of SSD.
- While the problems that plagued the District in the early years are gone, the District is fine tuning. The PRC is part of continuous self-improvement.

Equity is a concern of the PRC. Why was the Equity Committee created?

- Can students get the same level of service no matter where they attend school?
- Begg the question “How does the dual district work?”
- Equity of relationships.
- No data to support “inequity of services”-Equity Committee is providing data.
- Even if Superintendent is strong – services and quality of services can vary building to building.
- Try to get Boards of General Education Districts to be better informed in what SSD is about-this has improved in the last 5 years.
- Not many representatives from district BOEs attending SSD BOE meetings.
- Need better partnership Board to Board.

What is your perception of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) role and is it effective?

- It is hard for the PAC to get representatives.
- Not sure of the role of the PAC.
- PAC deals with singular individuals and problems (whereas the Governing Council deals with global issues).
- Problem with PAC getting help from the Governing Council Representative to help advocate for the PAC and help them reach out.

Given the challenges of dual districts, how do you reach out to your partner district?

- This is our biggest challenge.
- Need a good Assurance Plan-involve district Boards – have them sign the Assurance Plan, not just Superintendents.
- Need to be able to share data.
- Consistency can be an issue because Superintendents and BOE members change in partner districts.
- Feedback between building Principals & Area Coordinators- to see how SSD & gen ed teachers are doing with students.
- Governing Council members could be an advocate (for SSD) in their home district.
- Three (3) groups meet: PAC, BOE, & Governing Council.
- In 2000 there was a document created with the Cooperating School Districts – many issues still valid.

How do you view Baldrige and how will it affect the future of SSD – what was the motivation and where will it take SSD?

- Board first heard about Baldrige through MSBA and started using it when Mr. Cary started.
- Baldrige changes the culture -is relationship building, especially between the Board (larger picture) & staff (more day to day).
- Is a permanent process and ongoing= new themes arise.
- Looking to put discipline and procedures in place.
- Provide platform to share best practices.
- Very data driven-can look at the data (there is lots of it) & look at the results
- Baldrige helps do something with the data that is collected. Plan-Do-Study-Act.
- Provides a feedback loop to tell you what & how you are doing.

In line with Baldrige-Delivery of Services has had consistent 85% satisfaction range. Is this an issue?

What is your vision for Vocational Technical Education?

- Direct tie to Junior College.
- Four (4) year program combining Vocational Technical & Junior College.

**Adjourn**            The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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Dr. Randy Charles, Co-Chair

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Ms. Shelly Shray, Co-Chair

**Next Scheduled Meetings:**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Room 60 (Lower Level)**

**Tuesday, May 27, 2014, 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Room 60 (Lower Level)**

**Tuesday, June 3 2014, 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Executive Leadership Conf. Room (Upper Level)**