

ISC JOINT GENERAL AND PRESIDENTS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 10, 2009  
ACADEMY BUILDING  
MINUTES

Attendees: List available upon request from ISC Secretary

**WELCOME** by Beth Johnson

1. Thank you to Harriton HS for refreshments
2. Introductions of attendees
3. What kids are thankful for...by Penn Valley 1st Graders read by various attendees

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Speaker: Jerry Novick, School Board, Chair of Legislative Committee**

Topic: Keystone Exam

Handout: Distributed handout which summarizes the current information on the Keystone Exam. The content was reviewed and used as discussion point for presentation. The handout is at the end of the meeting minutes.

Handout: NOT Distributed at meeting but at end of the minutes: Annex A/Title 22.Education/Part I. State Board of Education/Chapter 4. Academic Standards and Assessment/General Provisions.

Discussion: Discussion after presentation to clarify Keystone Exam process and implementation in LMSD. Questions answered by Jerry Novick and Dr. McGinley.

Some topics covered in discussion:

- How many states provide this type of exam? About 1/2 of the states have these type of exams.
- Requirements begin for 2014/15 school year. By 2016/17 all 10 exams will be instated.
- Students will take each exam as you finish the course. Exam will be at least 1/3 of the course's final grade.
- Goal is for the Keystone exam to ultimately replace PSSA testing in these content areas.
- AP and IB exams that meet the standard of Keystone Exam content may be used as an acceptable substitute within certain score parameters.
- Special education/special needs student criteria will be modified somewhat for requirements.

- School district working through the logistics of process and generating questions for the state.
- Cost of implementation is a shared responsibility between the school districts and state.

**Speaker: Jennifer Milani, LMSD Community Service**

**Topic:** Shared the various service initiatives in the schools. District wide day of Service on January 15, 2010. It will be at Harriton. Theme: Literacy--Be the Change. Opportunity for students to research and present different charities and then have them displayed at a central location with a poster. There will be collection cans at the tables so you can put "change" towards individual charities.

**Handouts:** None distributed

**Discussion:** Different service opportunities within LMSD and the community.

**ISC Business:**

**Mary Broach:** Update on Counseling Survey. It is up on LMSD website at each middle school and high school home page. The survey has a lot of hits already. Focus for middle school and high school for survey participants. Survey open until 11/13/09.

**Juli Gruber-May:** Distribution of ISC Directory (paper format). One directory per school. Will also be emailed. Need to test if sending as a PDF still allows for using hyperlinks and emails in the directory.

**Website Update:** New "buttons" on the ISC website. Includes General Meeting Minutes and ISC By Laws.

**Nancy Pasquier,** School Board Observer Report--Education: Report included presentation on One to One program.

**Sara Slattery,** School Board Observer Report--Business: Report included recognition of LMSD National Merit Finalists at board meeting.

**Upcoming Meeting:**

School Board Business Meeting--Monday 11/16 a 8pm in LMHS Library

ISC Joint General and Presidents Meeting--December 8 at 9:30 at the Academy Building. TOPIC: Dr. McGinley and Dr. Spence speaking on Achievement Gaps.

**HANDOUT DISTRIBUTED AT MEETING:**

**Keystone Exam prepared by Jerry Novick**

**HANDOUT NOT DISTRIBUTED AT MEETING but included in the minutes:**

**22 PA Code Chapter 4**