

## **Lake Superior School District 381**

### **Community Meeting, William Kelley High School**

**February 7, 2013**

Superintendent Bill Crandall welcomed the community to the meeting concerning the 4-day school week, stating that the meeting was the second one held this week. The other one was held on February 5<sup>th</sup> at Two Harbors, with one more to be held on February 26, 2013.

Superintendent Crandall narrated a power point presentation on topics of collected information that indicated the past three years have been a positive option for the Lake Superior School District, and that continued interest from the community, teachers, staff and students indicated a permit for another three years, granted by the state of Minnesota, would be greatly appreciated.

Discussed in the presentation were topics concerning the Current Application for the 4-day week, with the day off being designated to Friday; Actual Cost Savings; Student Performance; District Attendance Rates; Extracurricular; Time in Classroom Hours; Survey Data; Teachers using a Friday each month for Professional Learning with focus on best practice methods and student improvement; Relationship with Mesabi Range Community College has given birth to the millwright and welding programs. Certified nurse assistant programs are available through the Two Harbors Hospital and the Silver Bay Minnesota Veteran's Home for the Two Harbors and William Kelley students.

Also, Crandall stated that research indicates a growing number of smaller and more rural schools are attracted to the option of a 4-day school week.

Concerning the future, the District is applying for Area Learning Center (ALC) status which will allow for programming in grades K-8. Through a summer program, after school program, and Friday program those students will have opportunity to gain in skill development. Because 42% of William Kelley's

students are of “free and reduced” status, application for a lunch provision would benefit the students of the programs.

**Questions/Comments** raised at the 4-day community meeting were:

#1 Would the ALC be at both schools?

The ALC program for the district if accepted by the state will be offered at all three sites.

#2 Mr. Paulseth, as a teacher, presented his comments relating only positive feedback from those with whom he interacted. **Comment**

#3 Mrs. McMillan, kindergarten teacher stated that the kindergartners have adjusted well and how parents valued more family time with their child.

**Comment**

#4 Mrs. Malcomb, new Art teacher at William Kelley, stated that the 4-day school week played a major role in her decision to accept the teaching position.

**Comment**

#5 The Police from both Two Harbors and Silver Bay indicated that issues have gone down in numbers. **Comment The district has received letters from both police departments stating this information.**

#6 How does the state feel about the 4-day week? **The state is focused on SMART goals, and their number one concern is student achievement.**

#7 Are we projected to be on the 4-day week? **The school board supports reapplying. We need to put a complete application together for the state to**

review and then they will inform us as to whether or not we will continue operating under the 4 day week calendar.

#8 Why do we have Friday off, rather than Monday? Great question, we selected Friday due to scheduling of travel for sporting events. We know other districts chose Mondays due to the number of holidays that fall on Mondays.

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