



School Board Meeting Notes 1/17/19

Here are a few things for you to know from the meeting. Find meeting materials and watch an archived video of the meeting [online](#).

The school board recognized winners of DaVinci Fest 2019. See the full list of winners [online](#).

Report for Information - Innovation in Stillwater Schools

School board members had the opportunity to learn about just a few of the innovative ways our teachers are making learning more relevant and engaging for our students. During the meeting the board took part in an interactive, speed dating-inspired session with teachers (and some students) to hear about different experiences students are having in things like robotics and hydroponics to help bring to life the 4 Cs - communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity. Watch a short [video](#) to learn more about innovation in the district.

Report for Information - School Board Meeting Locations

The school board received information regarding a request it made to administration to consider moving its meetings to Stillwater City Hall. The city has expressed a willingness to allow the board to hold meetings in their city council chambers. The earliest the board could move to city hall would be in mid-March, due to remodeling currently underway in the chambers. The city has also requested the board share in the cost of updated broadcasting equipment, which is estimated to be between \$30,000 to \$40,000. The board is expected to make a decision on the meeting location at the Feb. 7 board meeting. For now, the board voted to hold its meetings on Feb. 7 and 21 and March 7 at Oak Park.

Action - Equity Alliance Letter of Withdrawal

School board members voted to approve dissolution of the joint powers agreement with Equity Alliance (formerly the East Metro Integration District or EMID) and withdraw from the collaborative. The district has been a member of the collaborative for many years as part of a voluntary integration program. The district is exploring a new agreement with South Washington County Schools. The partnership would allow the district to continue to receive state integration funding while providing new opportunities with a neighboring district in the areas of professional development, family and community engagement, student programming, and college and career readiness.

Action - School Board Committees and Working Group Assignments

School board members approved their committee and working group assignments for the remainder of the year. The board has several working groups, including Finance and Operations, Legislative, Personnel, Policy and Community Engagement. They also send representatives to organizations like The Partnership Plan, the Association of Metropolitan School Districts, the Minnesota High School League and more. The list of committee assignments for 2019 will be made available [online](#).

Action - SAHS Nutrition Services Dish Machine Replacement

School board members approved the purchase of a new dishwashing machine at Stillwater Area High School at a cost of about \$128,000. The current machine has been in operation since 1993 and is scheduled for replacement due to worn internal parts. The new machine will have a substantial operational cost savings by using less water, chemicals and energy.

The board provided a directive for the policy committee to review the resolution to develop specifications and solicit bids.

The school board will hold its next meeting at 6 p.m. on Feb. 7 at Oak Park.