

Recognition Committee Meeting Minutes 4 to 5 p.m. May 20, 2008

Attendees: Tanya Rowe, Chair; Kelly Bashaw, Sheri Emerson, Allan Botts, Judy Berglund, Jeff Coulter, Melinda Nelson, Mary Anne Stuckart, Denise Suess, Debbie Nelson, Lauren Thomas, Titus Rhode, John VanHaalen, and Margaret Gude, Recorder.

The meeting focused on the scoring of the Districtwide Annual Awards and finalizing the 2008 recipients. As a group, the committee was given the task to determine one recipient in each category.

After the scoring results were tallied, three of the four categories had clear recipients based on numerical averages using the committee's scoring rubric. One category needed extra processing and the committee spent the remainder of the meeting in discussion. Each award category had three or four scorers. Classified nominees were scored by Allan Botts, Sheri Emerson, John Van Haalen and Jeff Coulter; Volunteer/Community Partner nominees were scored by Denise Suess, Lauren Thomas, Jeff Coulter and Melinda Nelson; The Team Award was scored by Mary Anne Stuckart, Jeff Coulter, Judy Berglund and Kathy Stimac; the Certificated Award was scored by Debbie Nelson, Jeff Coulter, Sue Anderson and Titus Rhode. Following extensive discussion, the committee voted and determined a recipient in each category.

Tanya asked the committee to gather feedback from individuals in the groups that they represent on the committee about what worked well regarding Annual Awards and what needs improvement for next year, and bring their thoughts and feedback to the next meeting. It was decided that in future years, administrators would not be considered as nominees in the certificated category, but that another option for honoring this group of staff is needed. Evaluation of this year's process and determining next year's process and timeline is the topic for the next meeting. Committee members requested more information about criteria and timing for the State and National Teacher of the Year Awards and other awards to better align our district awards process for next year. Tanya will bring this information to the next meeting.

4 p.m. Tuesday, June 3 in Board Room (last meeting of the year to evaluate Annual Awards process, plan for next year)