

**Subject:** FW: CAUCUS: the WED, Jan 7, 2009 Meeting & CANDIDATE RECRUITING

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**To all Caucus Delegates/Alternates:**

1. **Reminder:** the Caucus for D64 and D207 will have its final meeting of the season on Wednesday, Jan. 7th, 7 pm, at Field School auditorium. Please ensure that you or you Alternate attend.

This is the evening in which you cast your endorsing vote for candidates. Prior to voting, there is an all-Candidate panel discussion: the candidates will respond to your previously submitted questions as selected by the Exec. Board. The panel format is not a debate, and candidates will not be asking questions of each other. Candidates have two (2) questions sent to them in December for more thorough prep (with a 5 min. response allowed). These questions are shown at the bottom of this message. They partly reflect the recent news that D207's Superintendent announced his retirement (D64's Sally Pryor also announced her retirement earlier this fall). The candidates will be asked additional questions, requiring extemporaneous responses, during the meeting.

Following the candidate panel, the Caucus will excuse the candidates briefly from the auditorium, conduct its endorsement voting, and announce the results.

You will be asked to sign Cook Co. school board petitions for the endorsed candidates (we will have petition forms available that evening).

2. Here is the status of our **Caucus Candidate recruiting** (these candidates have completed Applications and will be on the Candidate Panel at the 1/7/09 meeting):

- for D64, we have Sharon Lawson, Russ Gentile, and Eric Uhlig. **There are 4 Board openings, SO WE ARE SHORT D64 Candidates!!**

**We'll still accepting Applications, and new Candidates can present Jan. 7 and also be on the Candidate Panel-- SO CALL AROUND for interested citizens! In early December, we still had several 'maybes', but all have declined to run.**

- for D207, we have Ed Mueller, Bill Barsanti, and John Derrick. This is sufficient for the number of Board openings allocated to the PR Caucus, but new candidates & applications are certainly welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy or me, or any of the Exec. Bd members on this e-mail. FYI: we are inviting the press (the Advocate, the Journal) to come to our meeting, but hard to say if they will choose to cover this topic. Our meetings are open to the public.

Sincerely,

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-----The Candidates' prepare-ahead-of-time  
Questions (already sent out to them) -----

**For D64 Candidates:**

1. What steps would you take in recruiting a new superintendent, what qualities do you believe such a person should have?
2. In light of current emphasis on standardized test scores and No Child Left Behind, what are your thoughts on the "whole child" emphasis in D64? Should the district continue with this policy? Is the current curricula supportive of your view, or do you want to see certain changes?

**For D207 Candidates:**

1. What steps would you take in recruiting a new superintendent, what qualities do you believe such a person should have?
2. Is the current curricula for teaching health and biology subjects OK with you, particularly as it affects topics related to sex education or reproduction? Do you have any intention as a Board member to introduce or discuss curricula changes in these areas?