

The Noon News

Sep 8, 2008

Published by



Waterloo Exchange Club

Waterloo Community Schools Overview – Vice-president Sharon Droste introduced Dr. Gary Norris, Superintendent of the Waterloo Community Schools since July 1st. Dr. Norris hails from Kansas. He has a BA in



Waterloo School Superintendent Dr. Gary Norris councils a couple of members

Music, as well as M.S. and PhD. in Education Administration. Dr. Norris has been a school superintendent for 26 years, serving in 5 school districts in Kansas, Minnesota, and Florida before coming to Iowa.

Gary began by outlining "the proud tradition", as he called it, of the Waterloo Schools: diversity, capable staff, excellent facilities and community support. In his judgment, the organization is focused on teaching and learning. He identified student achievement and competitiveness for student enrollment among the local school districts as significant challenges.

Dr. Norris is initiating the development of a strategic plan for the school district. He gave us an overview of the case for action and his vision of the learning environment he will be leading the school system to deploy. Dr. Norris is building on the successful development and implementation of a similar plan in his previous assignment at Sarasota, FL. He calls it NeXt Generation Learning.

The crux of the issue, as Dr. Norris sees it, is that schools are basically using the same learning strategies and environment as they did 50 years ago. Those strategies and environment served their purpose well to prepare students for the workplace that existed at the time, where a majority of the jobs were unskilled. But, Dr. Norris believes they are ineffective in preparing students for today's workplace, which requires a vary high percentage of skilled people. And, he believes the students of today have different learning styles as well. His presentation is on the web site [here](#).

Well, Dr. Norris make a strong case for action. It will interesting to watch him lead the planning and implementation of the changes he envisions.

Guests - No guests today, but it was great to have Exchangite Ivan Miller back from his recent hospitalization and subsequent recovery.

NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS

Program : Closed Business Meeting
Prayer : Bill Senn
Pledge : Patty Foster
Menu : Tuna Croissant with Fruit Cup

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Sep 15: Closed Business Meeting
Sep 22: Habitat for Humanity
Sep 29: Wildwood Hills Ranch
Oct 06: Phelps Pavilion Tour
Oct 13: Closed Business Meeting

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

Sep 15: Tuna Croissant with Fruit Cup
Sep 22: Chicken Broccoli Fettuccini
Sep 29: Roast Pork Loin
Oct 06: Chicken Stir-fry
Oct 13: Beef Stroganoff with Egg Noodles
Order Chef Salad one week in advance

BIRTHDAYS

Sep 10: Marcy Borwig
Sep 12: Ted Boger
Sep 12: Jason Martin

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Throwing caution to the wind, President McGriff ventured onto very soggy ground and offered this quote from Mae West: "*The best way to hold a man is in your arms.*"

Editor's note: Well now... we've gotten accustomed to our leaders making misleading statements and simply shrugging them off as campaign rhetoric. But we expect better from Pres. McGriff. He very well knows that the best way to hold a man is to serve him a good meal. Especially a breakfast...

The Noon News

Sep 8, 2008

Published by



Waterloo Exchange Club

THE NOON NEWS

Published weekly by:

The Waterloo Exchange Club
P.O. Box 1404
Waterloo, IA 50704-1404

www.heartlandexchangeclubs.org

Meeting each Monday at noon

Elks Lodge
407 East Park Avenue
Waterloo, IA

Editor: Charlie Lott - lottc@mchsi.com