



Minutes

Education Committee February 2, 2017

Administration Center

Mr. O'Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Committee members in attendance included: Patrick O'Sullivan, Kate Murphy-Peterson, Dr. Kim Dryier, Dr. Stacey Gonzales, Dr. James Gay, Debra Baker, Robert Nolting, Eric Olsen, Michele Etchason, Kathy Zwartz, Janet Donne, and Dr. Mohammed Elnatour. Also in attendance were and Board Members Melissa Gracias and Denis Ryan.

Review of January minutes - No comments or corrections were offered.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

District S4 update – Dr. Dryier shared an update for the District S4 Plan. She stated that stakeholders including board members, administrators, Teachers' Association and ESP Association meet to develop goals that represent areas of concern or interest that address the needs of the community and students in the district. Highlighted areas included:

Guaranteed viable curriculum and sound instructional strategies that ensure college and career readiness for all students

- Alignment to Common Core
 - MVP – Math 2 implementation
 - CTE Vision Development
 - Social Studies recommendations presented previously
- Expanded Digital Learning Program
 - 3,700 chrome books deployed to 9th and 10th graders
 - 62% teachers using Canvas Learning Management System; 95% students have 1 or more courses using Canvas
 - Google usage increased by 21%
 - Breakage percentage lower than the 7% expected – 3%
- Teacher Evaluation plan implemented 2016-2017
- Special Services programing compliance
 - Co-taught program review
 - Results-Driven Accountability Cohort Program
- Professional Development
 - Technology Innovation Facilitators expand role
 - Virtual learning opportunities began

All students will master the viable curriculum

- Students will master Essential Learning Targets. Data supports a decrease in students receiving Ds and Fs
- Students increased their enrollment in Honors and AP courses by 3%
- Students decreased their enrollment in basic level courses by 10%

Social Emotional curriculum

- Period 2 program review completed
- DAP administered to all students

Ms. Baker noted that Bradley-Bourbonnais H.S. administrators visited Carl Sandburg specifically to experience D230's Period 2/Intervention programming.

Dr. Gay shared that the District will host an S4 Summit for CTE, Career and Technical Education, in March or April. Areas that will be explored include skilled trades and/or apprenticeship programs.

Dr. Dryier concluded that building principals will share building specific improvement plans at a future meeting.

Comparable data – Dr. Dryier shared data for average ACT composite scores for the class of 2016 for comparable high schools as well as surrounding high schools.

Dr. Dryier shared data for District 230 students' persistence rate in 2 and 4 year institutions. She explained that the data is gathered by the National Clearing House. Discussion followed regarding the percentage of students attending out of State versus in-State institutions.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Summer School Update – Dr. Gonzales shared an update for summer school online processes. Deadlines will be communicated and adhered to in order to ensure that staffing is in place. She stated that Session 1 Summer School is June 12th through June 27th with the deadline for registration of March 15th. Session 2 begins July 10th to July 27th - registration deadline June 2nd. Dr. Gonzales noted that considerable interest has been shown for blended learning courses.

Stage 2 Assessments – Dr. Gonzales shared a presentation showcasing the professional learning sessions, *Curriculum Kick Off*, scheduled for this month. She shared that District 230's professional learning will model and promote good instructional methodology.

POLICY UPDATES

Dr. Dryier shared Administrative Procedures and Exhibits for review.

- 6:315 AP1 Instruction - High School Credit for Students Grade 7 or 8
- 6:315 E1 Instruction - Request for High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8
- 6:315 E2 Instruction - Decision Whether or Not to Grant High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8
- 6:315 E3 Instruction - 7th or 8th Grade Students Participating in a Course for High School Credit
- 6:315 E4 Instruction - Current (School Year 2017) 7th or 8th Grade Students Enrolled in Math 1 Honors Seeking to Receive Academic Credit from High School
- 6:315 E5 Instruction - Class of 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 Form for Students Seeking to Receive Academic Credit from the High School

No changes or corrections were offered.

OTHER

Mr. O' Sullivan posed a question for discussion regarding the possibility for *Honors Latin I*. Discussion followed regarding experience needed before Honors level could be considered, and the language course path offered at D230 schools. Principals shared that there is no Honors level course for any World Language course offered at the freshman level. Also discussed was the ability for students to take an AP test without taking an AP course. A question was asked regarding the possibility for a drama course. Principals noted that the elective, *Acting and Theater*, is available at the three schools and is listed in the course selection guide under English.

Next meeting: *Mr. O' Sullivan informed the committee that the March 9th meeting may be canceled due to other School Board commitments. Further information will be provided via email.*

April meeting – April 13th

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.