



Minutes

Education Committee
November 5, 2018

Administration Center

Patrick O'Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Committee members in attendance included: Patrick O'Sullivan, Kate Murphy-Peterson, Dr. James Gay, Dr. Kim Dryier, Dr. Stacey Gonzales, Kathleen Zwartz, Susan Haynie, Dr. Mohamed Elnatour, Georgia Alikakos, Janet Donne, Roseanne Ballard, Susan Dalton, Dawn Rueter-Cox, and Michelle Etchason. Principals in attendance were Jennifer Tyrell, CS, and Robert Nolting, VJA.

Review of October Committee Minutes - No comments or corrections were offered.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

To review District & School Report Cards - Dawn Rueter-Cox, Director of Assessment Data shared D230's IL State Report Card (<https://www.illinoisreportcard.com>). Dawn focused on the ESSA indicators used to determine each school's summative designation.

All D230 schools are Commendable

ESSA Measures

Academic Indicators - 75%

- Graduation Rate - 92%
- SAT ELA - 44% proficient
- SAT Math - 46% proficient
- EL proficiency - 9.7% meeting proficiency
- Science - 2018 ISA 50% proficient, will be included in 2019

School Quality/Student Success Indicators - 25%

- Chronic Absenteeism - 13%
- 9th Grade on Track - 92%
- Climate Survey - 5Essentials will be included in 2019
 - Students 83% participation rate
 - Teachers 100% participation rate
- College and Career Readiness will be included in 2020
- Fine Arts expected to be introduced in 2022

To review data from Parent Teacher Conference Attendance:

Dr. Dryier reviewed the data from the Parent/Teacher Conferences. P/T Conferences are held twice a year in October and March. The data reviewed indicates the number of unique students that had parents attend P/T conferences and met with at least one certified staff member. In 2018 the District added a space in Skyward to allow counselors, social workers and other certified staff not in classrooms to be assigned appointments. There was a good turnout for Fall 2018 Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Curriculum Update:

To review Curriculum Proposals:

- New EL Course: A pilot was run this summer that combines a culinary class along with EL English. This course will be called the Academic English Experience in block format for new comer EL students.
- World Languages will have an AP Course. AP languages will earn the Seal of Biliteracy. This will include all languages.

For Latin there has been discussion how the AP exam would look like. The teachers will need more training, it is more intensive.

- New course Medical Terminology; we have applied for dual credit with MVCC.

To Share an update for Blended Learning:

Dr. Gonzales shared updates on blended learning courses highlighting how students are very engaged in the blended environment. In the near future we will send out an interest survey to see if any teachers are interested in teaching a blended course for next year? In addition we also need to communicate better what a blended course is and specifics about the Blended Learning courses.

To Share an update on the new Transitional Math Requirement:

The State of Illinois has a goal by 2025, 60% of Illinois residents will have either a college degree, certificate or a credential. It is estimated that nearly half of high school graduates who enter postsecondary education are recommended for remedial math courses. Statistics indicate that students who are placed in remedial math at the postsecondary level are less likely to be successful at completing college in their chosen path. One component of the implementation of a high school transitional math course is to reduce remediation and developmental education coursework for high school students. We are waiting to meet with MVCC to sit and talk how to build this course.

The Seal of Biliteracy Update - We have a team working together to look at what our criteria will look like. They will be attending a Conference in November, when they come back, we will have an update for the committee. The assessment must be taken as a 9th grader. This is a State requirement. We are working on a testing date.

Dr. Gay shared information on the November 14th meeting at Sandburg “Navigating the Pressures Facing Teens Today”. The keynote speaker - nationally acclaimed Eddie Slowikowski along with a group of panelists will be in attendance. Dr. Gay is encouraging attendance and also for anyone to get the word out for this event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting: *Joint Committee Meeting - Tuesday, December 11, 2018*