

Minutes IC Meeting May 16, 2013

Meeting attendance: Maria Aguinaga, Mark Atkins, Barbara Bettis, Christina Bucchi, Terri DeDecker, Sara Elwood, Cyndee Fralick, Raheem Hasan, Perry Hayes, Nadine Hill, Megan Kozlowski, Denise Lockwald, Carol Mammoser, Josefina Melendez, Kelly O'Brien, Claudia Sanchez, Katie Thomson, Wilma Valero, Esperanza Villarreal-Ortiz, Lisa Whitmer, Jennifer Williamson, Rita Weber, Mary Wojtczak

Absent: Kathy Duchaj, Heather Fodor, Todd Graba, Judy Havemann, Dan Hoffman

Guests/Observers:

April minutes reviewed/revised and approved with 22 yes, 1 abstained.

Information Updates:

Transformation Schools Update

- Viewed PowerPoint presentation presented by Dr. Shah.
- Vision: U-46 will inspire individuals to convert their dreams, into realities.
- District administrators and ETA collaborate with a focus on a shared interest in effective, excellent and equitable public schools for all children.
- 5 Essentials
 - Effective leadership
 - Collaborative teachers
 - Ambitious instruction
 - Supportive learning environment
 - Involved families
- All 10 transformations schools will have ESL endorsed administrators and teachers.
- Discussion followed –
Question from council member: Students are spending 80% of their day being taught in Spanish. ISAT is used to measure if student is successful, which starts in 3rd grade. Is there a way we can address the students who have limited English exposure? Are we setting up the students to fail. Students have limited experience with the language they are being evaluated on. Several teachers commented on the need for an ESL endorsement the time commitment and financial burden.
- To learn more about the ELL/Dual Language program, Wilma Valero will be scheduled to present to the Instructional Council in the future.
- PARCC may change the type of assessment teachers are administering.
- *“Have we asked for a NCLB waiver?” Waiver was rejected. – A waiver would allow us to walk away with funding. NCLB is tied to federal funding.*

- *We are starting with 10 schools, and we are going to replicate this model with other schools. Our focus will be the 10 schools for now.*

RTI/AVID

- MTSS/PBIS is now overseen by Ron Raglin.
- Brian Russ has been hired as the new PreK-20 data equity coordinator. He will be working on data projects. Data projects: back tracking graduates, where are college readiness students coming from.
- Sue Smith has been hired as the new MTSS Coordinator K-12.

Mandarin Updates

- Viewed PowerPoint presentation presented by Nan Ochs, Mark Atkins and Lina Li
- Students take Ipad's home to practice, all components are on app. Students enjoy using the Ipad they want all students to carry an Ipad. There have been no casualties with the Ipad's. New students enrolled in the class will be receiving Ipad's as well.
- There are only 3 students struggling, there are 14 A's.
- Lina created a website to help students with Chinese writing.
- 24 students will be enrolled in the Sophomore class for next school year. Enrollment for the Freshman class is at 18.
- The first group of students will be going to China in two years.

Common Core Updates

- Curriculum and assessment groups are making steady process.
- Datawise will be district wide next school year.
- Elementary will be using two unit frames ELA and Math, but they will not be implemented until the second trimester.
- Instead of having one contact person in the buildings, the SIP teams in each building will be brought together at the end of the summer and work on their data, develop agendas and strategies for PD's for their building.
- PD will be in building, and the C & I team can be there with support.
- Transformation schools will be doing Datawise and Lesson Study.
- Rising Star days will become the SIP days.

Gifted Update

- Viewed PowerPoint presentation, presented by April Wells
- All 3rd grade students were screened. All parents received their students' scores in April.
- SWAS sections were added at Horizon and Sycamore Trails.
- 6th grade student identification is done in collaboration with teachers/principals. Proctors were used to test the 6th grade students.

- Next year's timeline for testing will start in October and go through April.
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Summary Statements:

The Instructional Council received an update on the restructuring model selected by the district. Dr. Ushma Shah and Kathryn Castle spoke about school improvement strategies being implemented in the ten Transformation Schools beginning in the 2013-2014 school year.

The Instructional Council received an update on multi-tiered systems of support and a focus on data Pk-20 from Ron Raglin, Sue Smith and Brian Russ. AVID was not presented we will schedule in the fall.

The Instructional Council received an update on the Mandarin Chinese program at Streamwood High School.

The Instructional Council received updates on changes to the gifted screening process.