

District Advisory Council

December 12, 2017, 4:00 – 5:30 PM

District Administrative Office

Members present: Allison Boyer, Sara Boyts, Holly Burtrum, Elizabeth Cheminel-Roten, Tammy Cook, John Cowan, Kerri Cox, Tammy Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Katzin, Jason O'Neal, Alicia Pope, Chris Porter, Samantha Powell, Vicki Schmitt, Lisa Tillman, Amy Wood, Judy Zimmerman

1. [November 7, 2017 Meeting Notes](#)
2. **January 2, 2017 PD Schedule:**
 - a. **Primary:** Grade-level meetings about language workshop model, meet as whole school for vertical conversations/alignment, then continuing to Elementary to work on Word Work
 - b. **Elementary:** Grade-level meetings about integrated units of study. After lunch, K-3 teaming for Work Work
 - c. **Upper Elementary:** Whole-group and grade-level meetings about integrated units of study and reading response journals. Followed by vertical teaming.
 - d. **Middle School:** Mr. Katzin presenting about Canvas, continuing discussions about meeting students' needs. Department meetings in afternoon.
 - e. **High School:** Departmental meetings in morning. Whole-group meetings about Wildcat Nation time, Canvas and blended learning, and Dropout Detective training
3. **Sick Leave Pool Request** – Sara Lotz medical leave approved
4. [Draft 2018-2019 Academic Calendar](#)
5. **State Board of Education discussion:** Update about the situation with Governor Greitens' actions regarding the State Board of Education and the firing of the Commissioner of Education. There are currently 2 lawsuits pending regarding the seats on the BOE. New members have yet to be confirmed by the state legislature. Teachers, administrators, and staff should stay aware of political actions and use their voices. In this era of increased criticism of public education, we must continue to tell our stories to make sure the public is aware of the positive things going on in our classrooms. Remember to send stories to Holly Burtrum to be shared on district channels.
6. **FEMA Update:** Old Upper Elementary gym has been mostly demolished. Another concrete floor was found underneath the first floor that was demolished, and we are waiting to hear whether that will need to be removed as well.
7. **Sub-Group Reports**
 - a. **Academics** – Met December 5, 2017
 - i. **Data Dashboard:** This group has been working to create a data dashboard as an easier way to share information about core areas in a concise method. We were looking for statistics and information

snapshots. This data dashboard will be shared with the school board and could also go out to the public, as appropriate. May be able to simplify the annual board evaluations that are required for specific programs/teams. The question was raised about how to gather data about technology. We need to look at infrastructure reliability as well as device access. (Sidenote: Mr. O'Neal said work is beginning over Christmas break to update the equipment that configures the broadband/WiFi access. Currently, we have enough broadband coming into the district, but older equipment is limiting how it is distributed to the schools and devices. We should see some improvements during the spring semester.)

- ii. **Calendar** - H. Burtrum, K. Cox, S. Boyts
- b. **Finance** - Update about TLC revitalization. This group is considering ways to increase teacher access to the program, increase the number of hours teachers can record, and increase the pay. Teachers appreciate having compensation for out-of-school trainings and tutoring. How best can we utilize this program within the budget constraints to have the most student impact? Currently, TLC hours are paid for in July, which starts the next budget year. This is not ideal, and in some future year, we will need to allocate funds for the TLC to be aligned to the current budget year, which will be a double hit on that year's budget.
- c. **Operations** - Did not meet/present
 - i. Safety/Security & Bond/Construction List
 - ii. Training/Mentoring New Employees

Meeting Dates: Tuesdays week prior to BOE meeting. (BOE is 3rd Thursday each month)

September 12, 2017	December 12, 2017	March 6, 2018
October 10, 2017	January 9, 2018	April 10, 2018
November 7, 2017	February 6, 2018	May 8, 2018