

Superintendent's Lay Advisory Council Meeting (Zoom)

November 16, 2020

Minutes

Members:

Dr. Robin Felty, Superintendent
Meghan Eckert (MS), Chairperson
Caryl Buffa (HS), Secretary
Anne Beecher (HS)
Lynn Fyfe (HS)
Renee Suydam (HS)
Heather Wright (HS)
Jill Speitzer (MS)
Elizabeth O'Brien (MS)
Noe Juarez (MS)
Kim Romano (LRIS)
Steve Kemper (LRIS)
Rosamund Mische John (LRIS)
Dan Nyiri (Brecht)
Jill Milton (Brecht)
Julia Kamanda (Brecht)
Allyson Gibson (Bucher)
Sharee Livingston Anderson (Bucher)
Jackie Wachinski (Bucher)
Michelle Rondinelli (Neff)
Meredith Steidler (Neff)
Jenine Nicholas (Nitrauer)
Stephanie Ruth (Nitrauer)
Nancy Izquieta (Nitrauer)
Leslee Forman (Reidenbaugh)
Meghan Keller (Reidenbaugh)
Jessica Kahler (Schaeffer)
Olivia Grenter (Schaeffer)

Members Absent:

Cindy Zeyak (LRIS)
Denise Rosario (Neff) – with regrets
Amy Barrall (Reidenbaugh)

Guests: Dr. Dale Reimann, Assistant Superintendent

Call to Order

- Meeting began 6:30 pm.

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) Update – by Dr. Felty

- DOE has postponed Strategic Planning that was to begin this school year.
- The goal is to have district level and representative in each of 9 schools.
- Dr. Felty shared a power point with the group, for 2021 and beyond, it will rollover.
- Mr. Rilatt, HS Principal shared information at the last board meeting.
- Buildings are beginning to put processes in place and get student involvement.

III. Flexible Instructional Areas (FID) Update – by Dr. Reimann

- PA Future Ready Index, data designed to provide more complete look at student performance.
- FID plan was approved by DOE, can be called with 24 hour notice for up to 5 days. For next 3 years.

IV. MTSD Demographics & Achievement Data – by Dr. Reimann

- 5014 students 9/1/2020, 63 students less than year before.
- Largest grades 6, 8 & 10, average 455 students.
- Demographics and Cyber School Data was presented.
- Representative questions were answered.
- Instructional Update 68% F2F, 30% Remote, 3% Virtual Academy

V. PTO Sharing – Reflections & Questions

- Are all MT Teachers given the option to teach from home during the virtual learning or is it case by case?

- If remote learning continues, is there an opportunity for community or church to help with support – ie: childcare, for parents who have to work but kids are home.
- Covid dashboard – what is the “other” line
- Is there an item on board meeting for extending full remote option from 11/30/20-1/18/21, action item for board to vote on Thursday night.
- Nitrauer parents recognized the efforts of Dr. Felty and the tough position she is in and doing for the district in a lose-lose situation.
- Level of transparency in reporting the cases is to be commended.
- LRIS parents say hats off to the staff and everyone in district. Parents feel school is the safest place.
- Transportation, car situation, roadway situation at LRIS – are there any plans for improving situation. This has been in the works for a couple of years.
- Do we have stats on bus capacity and what is being utilized right now?
- Parents concern that students wearing face shields aren’t proper coverage. DOH & DOE maybe be reviewing.
- Bucher parents are grateful to teachers and community for a safe environment.
- Could there be a one-source page for information?

Adjournment

- Meeting ended at 9:02 PM, with a motion.
- September minutes were approved

Remaining 2020-21 Meetings

(whether in person or zoom will be determined at a later date)

January 1/11

March 3/8

May 5/10