

Superintendent's Lay Advisory Council Meeting

ZOOM

January 10, 2022

Minutes

Members:

Dr. Robin Felty, Superintendent

Caryl Buffa (HS), Secretary

Marissa Kmiec (HS)

Elizabeth O'Brien (HS)

Jill Speizer (HS)

Renee Suydam (HS)

Moniqua Acosta (MS)

Carrie Evans (MS)

Sharee Livingston Anderson (MS)

Jessica Kahler (LRIS)

Dan Nyiri (Brecht)

Jadie Catania (Bucher)

Jackie Wachinski (Bucher)

Kisha Johnson (Neff)

Denise Rosario (Neff)

Meredith Steidler (Neff)

Jenine Nicholas (Nitrauer)

Nancy Izquieta (Nitrauer)

Stephanie Ruth (Nitrauer)

Carolyn Garneau (Reidenbaugh)

Melissa Grosh (Reidenbaugh)

Meghan Ryan-Keller (Reidenbaugh)

Anu Varadarajan (Schaeffer)

Members Absent:

Meghan Eckert (MS), Chairperson – with regrets

Steve Kemper (LRIS)

Rosamund Mische John (LRIS)

Julia Kamanda (Brecht)

Rachel Waldo (Brecht) – with regrets

Allyson Gibson (Bucher)

Lauren Becker (Schaeffer)

Becky Trayers (Schaeffer)

Guests: Jessica O’Gorman, Sharon Schaefer, Dr Dale Reimann, Donna Robbins

Call to Order

- Meeting began 6:30 pm.

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Minutes from September 2021 approved

III. Facility Use

- There were questions on rules for facilities use both from external and internal organizations from prior meetings. Dr. Felty invited Donna Robbins (CEO) to come to provide clarity on the process and updated paperwork. PTO should be covered by insurance, as is events for boosters.
- 30 days prior to event
- FMX for emergency purposes

- Events are starting for internal events, student
- Main person to streamline – Ashley Spector spectoas@mtwp.net or building principal.

IV. K – 6 ELA Reading Pilot

- Dale Reimann, Sharon Schaefer, Jess O’Gorman
- Why – because StoryTown was adopted in 2008, in 2014 PA ELA standards changed and StoryTown no longer aligned
- Massive curriculum assessment and overhaul in 2014
- Currently cannot access components of program since they are now obsolete.
- Texts did not offer students reflections or mirrors and windows that are part of the goals.
- Has been difficult to update previous programs for new employees
- Goal is now Science of Reading; one of the two programs being piloted look to be implemented next school year: Into Reading or MyView Literacy
- These new ELA program highlight what we focused on K-2/3, across Elementary K-6. Based on Science of Reading.
- Research based and provided consistent tiered assistance. This couldn’t be done with StoryTown without bringing in additional programs.
- Pilot started 2019-2020 school year, break during 2021-22
- Neff full building is integrated “Into Reading”, Schaeffer full building integrated “MyView Literacy”; LRIS – different program by grade year, and Spanish immersion.
- Feedback has both pros and cons. Groups came back in small groups, by school and by grades
- Implementation was done during trade off days have used in-service days to review, trainers are available twice a month. Half day training sessions built in.
- Feedback loops, after marking period 1, then again after marking period 2 ends, pilot review meetings, grade alike meetings. Travelling samples have been travelling and it will continue.
- Questions were fielded from SLAC members

V. PTO Sharing – Reflections & Questions

- Started earlier with Facility Use – allowing Donna Robbins to present at the beginning.
- Possibility for virtual excuse slips is being explored
- Board reorganization happened in December, new members are sworn in. Mr. Grosh is new President, April Weaver is the new Vice President. Updates are on the website at <https://www.mtwp.net/school-board/>

- MTMS page – announcement on page to discuss HS course selection coming up, parents would like meeting option for virtual or recording. Presentation will be done during PTO meeting. Middle School presentation will be done in an evening later in February, Mrs Resh will be sending out the date shortly. Those middle school meetings about course selection for the high school are always available online or hard copy for those who can't attend that evening meeting.
- The question was raised about who monitors Facebook groups. There are members in some groups that do not have children in that grade, Board Members, Newspaper reporters without children in the grade. How did the groups come about, where is the accountability, and is there consistent monitoring to keep the discussions focused on school and the specific grades. Each group is administered independently and not always by parents, but by volunteers.

Adjournment

- Meeting ended at 8:05 PM, without a motion

Remaining 2021-22 Meetings

3/14 - zoom

5/9 – in-person