

School Board Program Committee
PMS IMC – October 9, 2017 – 5:00 PM
Minutes

Membership: Abulkhair Masoom-abs
Vikki Peterson
Curt Timlin
Connie Valenza
Kris Brown

Noted that the meeting was properly noticed. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. Director Haag, Principal Reuter, Principal Julius, Student Services Director Brogley and Steve Olenchek were in attendance. Principal Engh and Athletic Director Foley arrived late.

- **Instructional Program**

Superintendent Valenza began the meeting with requests for spring 2018 Youth Options. We have 4 students that have applied to take postsecondary courses at UW-Platteville. The approved courses count toward high school graduation and college credit. The course requests will go before the full board at tonight's board meeting.

Superintendent Valenza introduced the building Principals and each one shared handouts on their building approach to bullying. Elementary schools use the guidance curriculum "Second Step" along with many other positive interventions. The middle school shared a listing of educational activities, trainings and parent education. Circling (meetings in a small group setting to encourage each student's voice) was brought back this year. Seems to be going well. (Gaga ball is a frustrating topic for several students!) Mr. Engh explained that the high school students have conversation on the seriousness of bullying and harassment. All students know the expectations going in to the year. Brad Brogley explained that Nancy Olson attends all of the student services meetings held at each school and these meetings help meet the needs of each grade level student. A brief discussion on bullying protocol and parents knowing our procedures. A parent meeting on bullying is planned for November 6, 2017 for across the district. Mr. Mike McGowan will present "Creating a Culture of Kindness: Safe & Caring Schools".

Superintendent Valenza shared and explained several slides on the ACT/Wisconsin Forward public release. Slides showed comparisons with surrounding schools as well as statewide results in ELA, Reading, Science and Math. Superintendent Valenza discussed proficiency by our students, reaching benchmarks and closing the gap. She also explained text complexity and the progress made by the students. We need to find ways to push our higher students to become better. Overall, our students do very well but there is always room for improvement and room to grow.

Director of Student Services, Brad Brogley, presented slides on the pupil services update. He shared test results and benchmarks for students with disability status. He discussed his current staffing and expressed how appreciative he was for how things are going so far this year. He explained co-teaching at the high school and the plan to implement the co-teaching in other buildings in the near future. Mr. Brogley briefly discussed monthly meetings, staff trainings and the different supports that the staff receive and then implement with the students.

- **Co-Curricular Program**

Steve Olenchek, middle school athletic director, presented a proposal for a middle school cross country team. Mr. Olenchek and Mr. Foley explained that the middle school program would support the high school program. Financial needs and busing options were discussed. The program would offer a fall sport to boys and girls. Adding the sport would be a good investment in our youth and community.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm

Recorded by Lynne Tanner