

School Board Program Committee
OEG IMC – February 6, 2017 – 5:33 PM
Minutes

Membership:

Abulkhair Masoom
Nancy Bongers
Eric Fatzinger-abs

Connie Valenza
Kris Brown

Noted that the meeting was properly noticed.

Minutes were accepted.

Other Attendees: HS Principal Engh, MS Principal Julius, WV Principal Reuter, NW Director Haag, and Director of Student Achievement & Intervention Services Brad Brogley.

- **Instructional Program Topics**

- Language Arts update and reports were presented by ReNah Reuter, Jason Julius and Tim Engh.
- Mrs. Reuter shared a packet that showed test results of where our elementary and middle school students are compared to state average. Economically disadvantaged and not economically disadvantaged gaps were discussed at length. Abulkhair asked how accurate are the tests at elementary level? Do we test too much too early? Mrs. Reuter explained that reading affects all subjects and testing gives us pieces to the puzzle. Where to work with students, what changes (if any) need to be made? She shared foundational skills and topics that the elementary students are taught and are tested on. She believes that testing becomes easier for most students each year. The students know a bit more what to expect with each test given. We are helping the students learn to read and read to learn.
- Mr. Julius explained the middle school academic class times. He has met with teachers to discuss standards, grading and parent/student needs. He stated that this is a growing process. Changes/adjustments may need to be made once the process is re-evaluated. Overall our students are doing very well.
- Mr. Engh gave a listing of the current high school offerings and the number of students enrolled in each class. Students who need extra support are identified and are assisted by the staff. AP classes are very popular with the upper classmen. The high school offers many options for English to be taken over the 4 years. Mr. Engh mentioned a possible change for next year for 11th & 12 grade English that is more engaging. This will be proposed at a later date. He shared that switching Ms. Keleher to 9th grade and Mr. Statz to 11th & 12th grade classes has been working well for the students. Mr. Engh stated that our students do very well with the ACT test – overall proficient and our efforts to close the gap looks pretty good.
- Superintendent Valenza asked the committee members if they thought the new format of the meetings were helpful. Everyone likes the format and information shared at the meetings!

- **Co-Curricular Program**

- Superintendent Valenza and Mr. Brown discussed the co-curricular costs and budget. Copies of the co-curricular matrix and listing of activities and coaches/supervisors were shared. Superintendent Valenza stressed that some of our extra programs offered are reasons for families to move to our district or to open enroll in our schools. She stated that we will need to revisit these areas to make sure that we are where we should be or want to be. Our compensation for coaches and supervisors is probably better than the surrounding area schools. No extra money can be added to the current matrix but there is a need to look at the level of each program. (How many students involved, how many contests, etc.) Mr. Foley has met with the head coaches and he reiterated to them that everyone is valued. He also feels that the coaches/supervisors respect each other which will help in this process.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm

Recorded by Lynne Tanner