

School Board Program Committee
PMS IMC – December 11, 2017 – 5:00 PM
Minutes

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

Superintendent Valenza noted that the meeting was properly noticed. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Principal Engh, Principal Julius, Principal Reuter, Director Haag, Special Services Director Brogley were in attendance. Assistant Principal Foley-arrived late.

Instructional Program

- Superintendent Valenza began the meeting with discussion on a new course proposal at the high school: Geometry Concepts. Principal Engh explained the project-based curriculum and the goal of combining Geometry with Tech Ed. He gave a list of potential projects with one being the designing of and building a shed for the high school. Committee members discussed the use of basic interactive and foundational skills that are more understandable to the students. More hands on with this course will be awesome for the students. Principal Engh stated that they are very excited about the new Geometry course. The course should be a real good fit with the community workforce and trades.

- Gap closing was discussed. Principal Julius discussed action steps that the middle school will take to meet the needs of our students. He shared a handout that explained the process of redefining RtI as well as intervention strategies and resources. Special Services Director Brogley discussed some of the special education and pupil services initiatives that continue throughout the school year.

Principal Engh updated the committee on the action steps that the high school is working toward to meet the needs of our high school students this school year. ELA and Math Gap Scores were discussed. He also discussed the steps taken so far regarding the RtI process. The School Improvement Planning Committee and School Psychologist have been working on improvement plans each month for students and staff. Principal Engh shared ELA and Math Gap analysis with the committee members for 9th – 11th grade.

Principal Reuter briefly updated the committee on the elementary students. She believes that the students are going in the right direction in regards with testing. More direct phonics are being used. They use enrichment Fridays as a time to reteach where needed.

Reading is a life skill – one that we should teach to all our students – each and every year.

Co-Curricular Program

- Student community service opportunities will be shared at tonight's school board meeting.
- Superintendent Valenza discussed an Agency Agreement with Mental Health Providers. She explained that the Pupil Services Department has been exploring the possibility of having outside counseling services meet with students in our schools during the school day. The committee members discussed the advantages and the disadvantages of having this type of interagency agreement with the schools. There currently are four agencies interested in working with/in our schools. No action will be taken on this agreement at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm

Recorded by Lynne Tanner