

SIAC Meeting Minutes

School Improvement Advisory Committee

January 7, 2019

6:30pm @ Lincoln Media Center

Veta Thode, Willie Stone, Sam Brinning, Steve Green, Teresa Beenblossom, Adam Miller, Curt Mayer, Jim Almeliem, Sydney Cuddeback, Joanne Spenner, Halle Barkema, Brynn Beenblossom, Terry Engelken, Beth Payne, Misty Goodwin, Jason Hamilton, Connie Svenby, Heather Hora, Cade Hennigan, Suzanne Horak, Evan Horak

- **Building good news and updates - Principals**
 - Stewart- New curriculum for foundational skills “Making Reading Heavenly”, Discovery Day #2, ESSA training, Tier 1 expectations reviewing after break, concerts approaching, preschool registration roll out Feb. 1
 - Lincoln-Before Break Bash was a success, Leadership team attended SAMI training in which we rated ourselves in the areas of math, reading and social-emotional, behavioral, mental health. We will continue to work on our action plan from the differentiated accountability trainings we have attended the last three years. PBIS celebration with a mime, Fax Gilbert, sponsored by PTG - great message on bullying and treating each other with respect. Admin. Team attended ESSA training and were pleased to find out we are ahead of many schools since we attended differentiated accountability training. The work we have been doing with that the last two years has been well worth it.
 - Middle School- Trivia Day went well before the break as well as our Ci3t silent auction for Be Bucks, about 87,000 Be Bucks have been distributed this year for positive behaviors. The team attended ESSA training and now will send a Math team to Differentiated Accountability training as we did with ELA to continue to improve our achievement and build off of our elementaries work, Mr. Six will lead this team. Next round of testing coming up late Jan/Early Feb. Rolling out chromes to go home in term 3. Bus evacuations #2 completed. \$414.00 for McTeacher night. Outstanding choir tour before the break for the holidays. Washington Middle School had 6 students audition for the SEIBA honor band on Saturday, January 5th, in Fairfield.
Congratulations to the following 5 WMS Advanced Band students who earned all South East Iowa Bandmasters Association Honors on Saturday. Selected to the SEIBA honor band were:Kevin Flannery-Tuba, son of Ryan & Diana Flannery; Bailey Rees-Clarinet, daughter of Tyler & Mindi Rees; Teague Mayer- Tuba, son of Curt & Jamie Mayer, Levi Applegate-Euphonium, son of Lee Applegate & Angie Hall, and Julianna Watson-Clarinet, daughter of David and Elizabeth Watson.
These five students will perform at Iowa City West High School on Jan 19th at the SEIBA Festival.

Also auditioning for the SEIBA MS honor band was Flutist, Mikaila Matheson, daughter of Barb Matheson.

- High School-Fall iReady Math, NHS Induction, Eddy Jones & Dan Moeller Memorials, Leadership Washington, Still need assistant soccer coaches, Jan 19- Demon Classic, Cancer Nights- 1st one on Jan 10- Wrestling home against Mt. Pleasant, Jan 25- Basketball “Slam Dunk Cancer”, Joyful Noise, ESSA Data, Winter Band and Vocal Concert, Fall Awards and Multi-Gen. Assemblies. Finals week next week. Working on Financial Lit. grad requirement for next year. Ci3T Training with Sam and Veta. Thanks to schools for having HS classes read and teach cooking.
- District good news and updates - Mrs. Brinning, Mrs. Thode, Mr. Stone
 - Special Education- New HS Behavior Disorders teacher hire - Jacayla Litwiller.
 - Curriculum Director/WRAP- ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress) information will be shared with staff soon. Grades 3-11 students will complete online in April. Ci3T - ongoing support and fidelity checks for MS team and training for WHS, also attending support and coaching sessions at KU, as part of the grant guidelines. WRAP - 25 students in the building. Tech and WRAP staff are working on a transition plan for next year.
 - Superintendent-
 - Working on Calendars for 19-20 school year.
 - Working on pricing for [Angst](#) to see if we would want to have a showing here in Washington.
 - Looking into Neuroteach Feedback looping for staff to try and gain an understanding of how neuro teaching can help students retrain their brain to be successful.
 - Looking at different frameworks of teaching that we might implement district-wide so we have a common language with all staff.
 - Working on RFP for creating the 5- & 10-year building and maintenance plan. Studying system-wide improvement methods.
 - We don't have the official results yet, but all of our radon testings came back below the recommended threshold!
 - Working on VW grants for multiple busses. Will basically allow us to buy three get one free over the next two years.
 - Working on early retirement policy to offer staff.
 - Spoke with WRAP students today about motivation and the opportunities they have in front of them.
- [Data](#) trends update - Principals

- Review [Course enrollment](#) information - Mrs. Thode

Health Occupations- had to drop EMT program and nursing program
Good numbers in foreign language- Spanish is a fun class to take
FCS numbers are up- male numbers are up in there, life skills
SES enrollment up in all areas

- Parent and Family Engagement Policy - Mrs. Thode
 - [Suggested Policy](#) 505.8- ESSA
 - **How can we improve...**
 - Barriers to greater family participation?
 - Too many activities with kids
 - Language
 - Child care
 - Food
 - Not enough time in the day
 - Work schedules
 - Transportation
 - Parent had poor experience at school
 - One parent households/broken families
 - Homelessness/Mental health issues
 - Low SES
 - Providing families with assistance to support learning at home?
 - Communication to instructors
 - Phone calls
 - Newsletters
 - Tutorials & tutors
 - Textbooks

- Resources: (Links, apps, etc)
- Games that support learning
- Successful school and family interactions?
 - Introduction eMail
 - Personal phone calls throughout the year.
 - Family Fun night
 - Parent nights
 - Open door policy
 - Good news cards sent home
 - Optimist dinner
 - Social media
 - Latino parent night
 - Freshman orientation/computer roll out
 - Teacher phone calls

- Final Questions- Mr. Stone

- Future meeting topics: Math and Reading at WHS; CTE workshop overview; ICAP - Spring

- Next meeting date- March 4th, 6:30-7:30, Central Office