

# SIAC Meeting Minutes

## School Improvement Advisory Committee

### November 18, 2019

6:30 pm @ Lincoln Media Center

Teresa Beenblossom, Brynn B, Curt Mayer, Veta Thode, Jim Almelien, Steve Green, Adam Miller, Tera Pickens, Connie Svenby, Chad Hippen, Halle B, Terry Engelken, Jack S, Erik Buchholz, Evan H, Suzanne Horak, Misty Goodwin, Roy C. Sam Brinning,

- Welcome- Mrs. Thode 6:30-6:35
  - Building and District good news and updates-review on your own
    - [11/18 District Updates](#)
  
- Data trends update - Principals 6:35-6:55
  - No new data to share
  
- Follow-up Block scheduling feedback 6:55-7:00
  - Reported out what group response was on Feedback sheets
  - Next steps - High school will go through similar process to reflect on block scheduling
  
- [District Demographics slideshow](#) 7:00 -7:25
  - Group conversation
  - Share district demographics
  - Compare data to committee make-up
  - How do we grow the group to be a better representation of our district demographics?
    - More Hispanic parents, get parent suggestions from LIEP teachers, Sonia Leyva -School Board member or Heather Lujano
    - Counselors might have suggestions of parents who would be good committee members
    - invite people personally
    - Diversity of students who attend
    - Invite more diverse group, hard to get subgroups when we don't know who is identified
    - Most people do not know what SIAC is or that it exists, even those who are active in the community

Educate our own staff as to what SIAC is and cascade that information out to our buildings

Why not have someone from each content area on the committee?

We want to increase the number of community members

- Are our future meeting topics addressing the needs of our demographics?

Topics about other schools and their needs, not just high school focused

Address needs of all buildings, all kids should have the same opportunities as all others regardless of subgroups

Importance of utilizing mentorships and job shadows, opportunities for college-skilled trades,

Provide information to communities

Focus on educating about Iowa core,

- Questions and wrap-up 7:25-7:30
  
- Next SIAC meeting date 2/17
  - Future meeting date: 4/7

#### Future Meeting Discussion

- a. College Prep Activities prior to Senior year- Job Shadow
- b. Course offerings, AP course offerings at the HS or more electives at the HS, More challenging classes for HS students
- c. Kirkwood, OJT, job shadows, mentorships, etc. It is important for 9th and 10th graders to have leaders in the building (11th and 12th graders)
- d. More resources available for ELP students