



## Committee Minutes

**Committee Name:** Academic Excellence

**Date/time of meeting:** Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 3:30pm

**Members Present:** Natalie Ringsmuth, Eric Williams, Diane Moeller, Steph Leedhal, Amanda Voight

### Discussion Items:

#### 1. Class Sizes/Sections for next school year

- a. A look at the past...
  - i. 20 students per class across the board when STRIDE first started
  - ii. Upper grades moved up to 25/26
  - iii. When school buildings were combined, the younger grades class sizes grew as well
- b. Our suggested class sizes and sections for next year are:
  - i. Kindergarten - 4 sections, 20 students per section
  - ii. 1st grade - 2 sections, 20 per section
  - iii. 2nd grade - 3 sections, 22 per section
  - iv. 3rd grade - 3 sections, 24 per section
  - v. 4th, 5th, and 6th grade - 2 sections, 24 per section
  - vi. Total school capacity: 396 students
- c. Finance Committee will look into class sizes in terms of budget at their meeting tomorrow. The board will finalize class sizes next week at their meeting.
- d. Teacher/Administration reps: "Anything over 24 students per class is overwhelming."
- e. Eric reported that we will have a January Open House.

#### 2. DDI - interim assessment results

- a. Re-teaching is currently happening for students that scored low in certain areas of the assessment.
- b. More growth this assessment than the last!

#### 3. I-Read Training

- a. This is an online program to bolster foundational skills
  - i. Also comes with Guided reading sets
- b. Tracks student levels w/ individualized accounts based on what they have mastered
- c. Will be used in grades K-2, EL, Title, Some Special Ed classrooms, and some 3rd graders

#### 4. Class Measures Report

- a. Eric wrote up the summary report in action plan format to send out to stakeholders who work in the classrooms/school.

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**5. Global Academy Visit**

- a. 3-6 grade teachers visited Global Academy during teacher in-service day.
  - i. Many great ideas came from this visit - especially the use of visual clues to promote proper classroom/school -wide behavior.
  - ii. Eric will report more about this during the board meeting.
  - iii. Next step - Create time for K-2 teachers to go as well.

**Parking Lot: None**

**Adjourn Time: 4:15pm**

**Date/time of next meeting: Wednesday, January 10th at 3:30pm**

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