



Committee Minutes

Committee Name: Academic Excellence

Date/time of meeting: Wednesday, November 8 at 3:30pm

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

Discussion Items:

1. DDI Analysis Meetings

- a. See attached PowerPoint for an example of an interim assessment spreadsheet and an explanation of what happens in a DDI analysis meeting
- b. In reviewing the data from Interim Assessment #1, student are about where we thought they would be.
- c. Interim questions are written to prepare students for the wording of the MCA test which can be different than the wording of their curriculum (example: MCA math question wording vs. Saxon math question wording).
- d. Our turnaround schedule for assessments is too short - the plan recommends 6 weeks but we are doing 4 weeks to have more touch points for data throughout the year. Administration and teachers are discussing going back to the 6 week intervention plan for greater re-teaching time next school year.

2. Guided Reading In-service

- a. Lori Magstadt completed training with all grade levels. Her training included:
 - i. Why is guided reading important?
 - ii. What is the process?
 - iii. Q & A time with teachers
 - iv. How to fit Guided Reading into the classroom routine
 - v. Discussion about resources
 1. After this discussion, Kindles were purchased to bring audio books to the classroom
 - vi. How to promote a love of reading
- b. Definition of Guided Reading: Reading a book in a small group that is appropriate for the student reading levels in that group.
- c. Teacher feedback:
 - i. While this means more prep time on my end, it also means more excitement in my students!
 - ii. We would like Lori to come back in December for a follow-up. (Diane is following up with her about this.)
 - iii. I know realize that, even though we are using Journeys curriculum, we don't have to be so married to it. I feel like I'm getting back to the art of teaching.

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3. **World's Best Workforce: To review the WBWF draft for 17-18 and offer recommendations**
 - a. See attached PowerPoint presentation
 - b. Administration feedback:
 - i. We have been working hard on systems. Now, we are looking at filling in the gaps that are left in between those systems.
 - ii. We are spending more on students this year that we will be on the years to come (around \$17k per student).
 - iii. Teachers are searching for resources that fit their student's needs - having teachers do this individually is not sustainable. Therefore, we are looking for resources we can share that are age level and age appropriate.
4. **Class Measures Visit**
 - a. See attachment for initial feedback from the visit.
 - b. More in-depth feedback to come in full report.

Parking Lot: None

Adjourn Time: 4:30pm

Date/time of next meeting: Wednesday, December 13 at 3:30pm

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