EISA Subcommittee Agenda 2/10/21, 4:30 - 5:30 pm Via Zoom

Draft of 1/20/21 minutes

In attendance: Chair Tammy Mahoney, School Board Subcommittee members Jamie Fitzpatrick and Dawn Dutton, Superintendent Tom Ambrose, Director of Teaching and Learning Patty Haynes, Director of Guidance Heidi Leavitt, High School Principal Brian Stack, High School Assistant Principal Matt Malila, Bakie Principal Christopher Snyder, Memorial Principal Ryan McCluskey, Middle School Principal Christine Desrochers, Title 1 Administrator Kim Conant, Secondary Math Coordinator Grace Evans, District Math Coordinator Donna Donnell. Called to order by Mahoney at 4:30 pm. Minutes of the 12/16/20 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by a roll call vote. Ms. Mahoney opened the meeting by reading "A Checklist to Ensure Meetings Are Compliant with The Right-To-Know Law during the State of Emergency."

Dr. Haynes reported on the Alma reporting system. Report card templates are being reviewed and the committee will discuss important content items at the next meeting. Superintendent Ambrose believes the report card should provide the basis for parents to have a conversation with the teacher. As a parent he looks for a report card to convey where a child is in relation to established benchmarks, how the child is doing developmentally and in relation to peers, and information on areas for improvement

Dr. Haynes reported that the math curriculum search has been narrowed down to 3 options, which are being reviewed. The target is March to present a recommendation to the board. Ms. Donnell and Ms. Evans are collaborating to ensure that the lower and upper grade curricula will be in alignment.

Mr. Malila reported that a committee is being formed to discuss the High School schedule and diploma requirements, and will be meeting on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Next Thursday is targeted for the first meeting.

Mr. Stack reported on the Student Success data for the class of 2020. Some of the indicators were impacted by Covid and difficult to track, such as "CTE or Industry Credentials" earned (due to the closure of businesses), but the percentage of students meeting the definition of student success remained steady from last year, at 85%. He also reported that the district's graduation rates remain high and dropout rates are low. DOE data for 2020 isn't available on their website yet, but for 2019 the graduation rate was 98.1%, compared to the state average of 88.42%; the district's dropout rate was .63% compared to the state average of 2.73%.

Mr. Ambrose noted the discrepancy between the district's success indicators and test scores. He'll be meeting regularly with Dr. Haynes and the Title 1 and math coordinators to focus on instruction. He also noted that the master schedule changes are part of the strategy to free up more time for instruction. Overall priorities for improved student outcomes will include changing instructional practices, an aligned curriculum, effective assessments, and remediation.

Meeting was adjourned by Mahoney at 5:20.

Call to order Approve 1/20/21 minutes

- 1. Alma report card draft review
- 2. Update on HS Diploma/Schedule committee

Next meeting date TBA Next meeting agenda items -Adjourn