School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) Meeting Minutes for November 2, 2016

The first meeting of the School Improvement Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Board Room at the District Office. Those present were: Cindy Bagge, Deb Bowman, Megan Brunscheen, Denny Folken, Judy Hayen, Jessica Hillers, Brian Jaeger, Andrea Janssen, Gretchen Kriegel, Callie Kromminga-Smith, Carrie Manternach, Brent Meier, Peg Mere, Phil & Lavonne Owen, Nels Petersen, Lisa Stadtmueller, Curt Tauke, Jani Telleen, and Joan Young.

Superintendent Jaeger presented the agenda and then led an introduction and 'who was your best teacher you ever had and why?' activity.

Superintendent Jaeger reviewed the purpose of the SIAC Committee and went over the 2016-17 SIAC timeline.

Curriculum Director Gretchen Kriegel gave the committee an overall snapshot of the district. The committee members then reviewed the District data in small groups and asked additional questions or for more information on certain areas. Listed below are some of their comments, suggestions, and questions on the data that they would like to have discussed at the next SIAC meeting:

Reading Data

- Not sure where we should be worried or concerned with changes in data?
- How much should we value the data points?
- Drill down cohort data in reading to show full academic year data.
- Follow one to five students through the system to get a handle on what is happening within a cohort group.
- Show state averages

Reading Data

• Is there a true 6th grade dip?

ACT & Advanced Placement

- What is the percentage of students that took the test as seniors?
- How are students doing on the Compass test and new assessment for entrance to Kirkwood or any other data that may be helpful?

Enrollment Data

- Provide information on who we open enroll in and out to
- Are there trends in enrollment that we need to address, and incomer programming for new students that need to put in place if we are experiencing higher levels of transient students

Suspension & Failing Grades

• WIN - intervention programming at the high school and middle school is supporting passing grades

Post-Secondary Enrollment Data

• 1 year and 5 year out survey data

Superintendent Jaeger then presented that he is developing a Strategic Operating Plan for the District that he would like to have in place by the end of the 2016-17 school year and gave the committee a list of themes/big ideas that the Board, parent dialogue committee, teacher dialogue committee, and the administrative team identified through the Keep-Stop-Change process. They include: Communication, Safety, Technology, Facilities, Budget, Curriculum, Assessment, Instruction, and Professional Development. Members then picked the one theme that they thought should be top priority for the District's Strategic Operating Plan. Instruction received one vote, Technology – two votes, Facilities – two votes, Communication – one vote, Curriculum – one vote, and Safety – one vote.

It was announced that the next SIAC meeting will be on Wednesday, January 25, 2017. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.