



Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Administraion Building
Assistant Superintendent's Office
233 1st Ave E
Kalispell, MT 59901
12/3/2015 03:30 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions

Members Present: Chair Mary Ruby, Bette Albright, Don Murray, Mary Tepas,

Members Absent: Jeremy Reed

Officials Present: Superintendent Mark Flatau, Assistant Superintendent Andrea Johnson

Others Present: Vo-Ag Director Justin Heupel, District Instructional Coaches Dani Burtsfield, Dani Roper, Kim Wakefield, Betty Darr, and Kelli Thomas, Beth Kornick

2. Perkins, CTE, and VoAg

Vo-Ag Director Justin Heupel presented to the committee on the Perkins Grant, Career Technical Education, and the Vo-Ag program.

Heupel stated that the Vo-Ag center facilitates the Perkins Grant because of their involvement with both schools. The grant is used for purchasing equipment and technology and professional development/teacher travel with students for all CTE programs like BPA, FFA, TSA, FCCLA, etc., not just vo-ag.

Justin has a facilities tour scheduled with Steve LaRue and Tom Heineke (architects) to go over the facility needs of the buildings at the Vo-ag. Some of the future focus areas are veterinary medicine program, restrooms for girls, and more classroom options.

The Vo-ag is the only program in school that applies learning from all other offered classes. Heupel touched on why the agriculture program is important stating that ag education preps students for successful careers and a lifetime of informative choices in the global agricultural, food, fibers, and natural resources systems.

Heupel broke down the schedule blocks, the current enrollment and touched on a few specifics within each course as presented.

3. Elementary Instructional Coaches - Elementary Reading and Math Data

Each of the 5 Elementary Instructional Coaches took time to update the committee on the Early Literacy data and SBAC results for each school. Each coach talked about the specific data for their school and broke down the information further, explaining how the data is collected and how it will be used. Below are some of the items each coach touched on.

Kelli Thomas-Peterson:

- showed the last 4 years of data
- Tested on baseline data monthly for urgent intervention
- after 3 months, kids that aren't showing growth are modified for placement etc.

Dani Roper-Edgerton:

- Kinder data is smaller because of tech issues during the month of September. There are 140 Kinders in the building
- 1st graders are benchmarked in fall, January, and May
- gives us the capability to track kids between schools

Dani Burtsfield-Hedges

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- this is only one snapshot, we are doing a lot of data collecting and intervention
- 40% of our Kinders couldn't pass the pre-k screening, that is significant
- summer slide= a huge loss in reading in early grades, 4th and 5th graders retain more
- outlined the ways she delivers instructional support

Kim Wakefield-Elrod

- presented STAR Math data
- Aha moment: we need to teach our kids not to guess because the computer program can't put them at the appropriate level if happen to guess correctly.
- 3rd year of Go Math: foundational skills may not be stressed enough
- 3rd graders are struggling more than ever
- ISIP-Istation Indicators and Progress
- Highest group of kinders this year, lots of letter and sound knowledge coming in
- 5th grade intervention students down from 1/2 the grade to only 6 students!
- Instructional strategies can't go away if we change curriculum. This is where the rubber meets the road
- outlined needs

Betty Darr-Russell

- have seen some holes in Go Math as well
- need more interventions for math
- Striving Readers- Russell is above the average for Grant schools all along
- love what I-Station has done for instruction, the data is broken down very specifically per child which helps diagnose areas of need.

The Coaches were asked to summarize the Impacts of the coaches on the schools/staff. They all agreed that they are bringing people together, acting as a liaison between the Para's and the Teachers, building a community with a strong culture of practices and better communication between grade levels. The coaches invited the board to a lunchtime STEM group that meets Monday through Thursday at Peterson.

4. Updated English Language Arts Review Schedule

Assistant Superintendent Johnson updated the committee on the English Language Arts Review Schedule as presented.

5. Update on Induction/Mentoring

Assistant Superintendent Johnson updated the committee on Induction/Mentoring as presented.

6. Update on SmarterBalanced Assessment - OPI

The District still has no data and don't know when it will be released.

7. Future meeting times

The committee discussed future meeting times and agreed on 3:30pm for future meetings.

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