

Board Minutes

Educational Board Meeting – November 21, 2011

6:15 pm

Present: Jeff Smith, Jeff Knobloch, Barbara Brown, Carol Wilhelm

Absent: Doug Cameron, Leo Lease, Claire Moisan

Jeff Knobloch moved, Second by Barbara Brown to open the educational board meeting. CARRIED

Jeff Knobloch moved, Second by Barbara Brown to approve agenda. CARRIED

Kevin Seney and Liz Hanson

Informed the Board of Directors on Authentic Intellectual Work. The goal of this professional development initiative is increase student learning by engaging students in authentic intellectual work. Authentic Intellectual Work (AIW) is defined by three criteria-construction of knowledge, through disciplined inquiry, to produce discourse, products, and performance that have value beyond school.

Iowa Valley Community College and 5th grade teachers

5th Grade

Paula Rudolph

Jill Wagner

Jennifer Brown

Bridget Brandt

Liza Cirks

Karen Robbins

ISU Extension

Catherine Lentz

Reni Crawford

The presentation focused on the Iowa State University Extension program “Entrepreneur for the Day”

Partnership with the G-N Middle School and the focus on the fundamentals of entrepreneurship, the need to give freedom to students on innovation and creativity, and to educate students on entrepreneurship

Chris Coffman

Informed the Board of Directors on the importance of EdInsight, which is a statewide database for Iowa assessments.

Explained the importance of National Standard Score (NSS) and Full Academic Year (FAY)

Staff to embrace that students become more aware of their own learning, goal setting, and target all students, and improving all schools to focus on student learning.

Sara Hegg-Dunne

Presented a PowerPoint on the Middle School SINA process

Cultural change of not just looking at the data but how to use the data
Need to know what teachers are supposed to teach and identify essential learning
Learning targets will be established

Assessing teachers on how to use data to change student learning

Jeff Kirby

Presented a PowerPoint on Davis Elementary SINA process

If we do not meet the requirements we become a year 3 SINA School

Teachers will analyze data and review curriculum standards
Implement formative assessments and use data to change instruction

Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) will collaborate to adjust and differentiate instruction

Sarah Seney

Presented to the board on the G-N Preschool

Verification visit this spring

Developing classroom portfolios

Teachers are using the state Creative Curriculum and Gold Online Assessment

Importance of family and community partnerships

Teachers have done a great deal of work this year to prepare for the verification visit

PK teachers, community partners, and administrator meet every week to discuss standards, and much more

Requirement is to have a family fun night, literacy night, which will be held at Davis Elementary

Board Talking Points

>Great enthusiasm tonight by all the presenters

> Thank you to everyone's efforts to make our district better

Adjournment

Moved by Barbara Brown, Second by Jeff Knobloch to adjourn. CARRIED

Time: 9:00 p.m.