

**Unified School District
District Site Council Meeting
November 20, 2019**

Present: Kelly Gentry, Valerie Gehrer, Heather Honas, Jill Day, Rachel Tompkins, Aron Dody, Jean Johnson, Angela Harris, Anita Mahanay, Valerie Woodall, Shantel Sheets, Marty White, Robin Frye, Amanda Vroman, Tracie Schroeder, Diedre Knight, Marla Goeckel, Christa Kraus and Kelly McDiffett, Amanda McDiffett

Members

not present: Cynthia Engle, Dene Kaster

Welcome: Kelly G. opened the meeting 8:05 a.m.
Kelly welcomed Diedre and thanked Marty for her years of serving on DSC.
Kelly went through the DSC documents on our website
Reviewed Sept. 05, 2019 Minutes. Under Special Education there was a correction - same six teachers in the last three years.
Next meeting: January 22 NOT January 15. Rachel will make sub and calendar changes.

Trauma-Informed Schools

The district started about two years ago with training on Trauma and ACEs due to the student behavior that was happening in our buildings – especially at the elementary level. Rebecca Lewis-Pankratz with ESSDECK is our trainer for this year. Three events USD 417 has attended or will be attending with North Lyon and South Lyon County this year:

August 15: Resilience and ACES, Intro to Trauma-Informed Schools

November 8: Poverty Simulation, The difference between punishment and discipline (the staff discussed the simulation and how stressful they felt). Poverty Project meeting that the admin will attend January 15th. Looking at our practices and how we might change some punishment into discipline.

January 3: Core Tenants of a Trauma-responsive Culture; test for Buy-in, Next Steps. Three possibilities for the future: Steps implemented, Poverty Projects with community, Resilience Coach(es) in each building.

Information to/From Non-School Members – Alta Vista is getting a grocery store and hasn't had one in a few years. Community workday in May on the baseball fields and they had 24 home games and it looked nice. Veterans Day at the school, went well. Council Grove finished candlelight charm and had a great turnout, used the trolley. Valerie W. handed out brochures about what is happening in Council Grove. Assisted Living will be now run by the hospital. Dwight - Malcome Strom lives in Dwight. There has been some flipping of houses in Dwight which is a good thing. Election changed the City Council. Park Community turning into the Pride Community.

Data Reports –

Kindergarten Readiness – ASQ and ASQ-SE – Handout over Kansas Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot Fact Sheet. The parent survey last year (2018) didn't go that well for us. This year (2019) both elementary schools decided to have a different approach and had a day when parents could come in and take the survey. This year PHES had 70% and CGES 86% participation rate in August. On the back of the handout are the State Results. A group is meeting now on Early Childhood.

ACT 2019 Results Data – Handout with the last 10 years results by graduating class. Shared this with Board of Education last board meeting. The class of 2019 is the last class that the state did not pay for students to take the ACT. The 9th graders will now take a PreACT. It starts this year, paid by the state, and they will be able to keep their booklets so they know what they got wrong. The PreACT will have a predicted ACT score.

State Assessment 2019 results – Handout on Spring 2019 results showing district and building summary. A lot of work in ELA this summer learning the standards. Teachers given more leeway in creating their own units based on the standards. Should be using state mini-tests.

Kansas Communities That Care 2018-2019 – Kelly G. went over how to read the handout. Kids in the 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th grade took this survey. Took some time discussing problems areas. Even though some areas low, they did improve from 2017-2018.

New Instruction Data – eWalkthrough process and tool – Handout of Morris County’s new tool and how Evaluations are different than walkthroughs. Three reasons for the walkthrough – 1) self-reflection, b) conversation and c) to provide data for designing professional learning and also for KESA purposes.

Subject Area Committee Reports

Admissions changes beginning with the Class of 2021 (current juniors) - Handout that shows what the State Colleges are now requiring for admissions. There will not be Qualified Admissions curriculum, although to achieve the ACT scores required, those same courses will be most likely be necessary.

Education & Training Pathway and Health Science Pathway – Handouts – the CTE department is working to apply for these new pathways. “Teaching as a Career” is a new course that will be added to pre-enrollment this spring and will begin in the fall.

Building Communication

CGES – Kindergarten made homemade Christmas ornaments for the Historical Society. Veteran’s Day program guest speaker that won the 5th grade essay contest. We had several guest speakers Matt Miller with KSNT on weather, beekeeper and Mark Brooks with the history. Fall and Winter concerts were well attended and went well.

PHES – Veteran’s Day program was touching. Trauma training making a big impact. Winter program Dec. 16th Community Soup and vocal music.

CGJH/HS –

JH - ELA reading “The Giver,” basketball in full force, opportunity to give to family, student brought quarters for laps and raised \$700. Robotics will be Emporia tomorrow.

HS – Congratulations to Savannah Lillich for making it into KMEA’S North Central District Choir. Braves Business Market day went well. 12 FBLA members traveled to Denver. The 4th Annual Talent Show will be in December and JH will get to watch this year. Band and Vocal concerts will be in December.

Special Education – Mrs. Nielsen – attended LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) training. Interviewing teachers already and potential to hire. Sheila Eskeldson and Stephanye Rufenacht are already planning 2020-2021 for grades 7-12.

Board of Education Report – Meeting next week about the track and football turf, mailer in the Council Grove Republican. Mr. Dody gave everyone a brochure about Morris County Public Schools that we will be using at career fairs that the administration team attends as well as for other PR purposes.

Next Meeting Date January 22nd at 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Agenda items to move to January:

AIMSweb Plus update

ELA SAC K-12 set for June 1-5, Pilot ELA resources for Grade K-5 during 2020-21

Social Studies second training January 27