

**Unified School District  
District Site Council Meeting  
October 12, 2022**

**Present:** Kelly Gentry, Valerie Gehrler, Heather Honas, Jill Day, Rachel Tompkins, Aron Dody, Anita Mahanay, Julie Koch, Robin Frye, Amanda Vroman, Tracie Schroeder, Marla Goeckel, Jean Johnson, Sherri Terrell, Marie Blythe, Jay Doornbos, Jean Johnson, Amanda McDiffett and Cynthia Engle

**Members**

**not present:** Deidre Knight, Christa Kraus and Dene Kaster

**Welcome:** Kelly G. opened the meeting at 8:01am  
Welcome to new members Julie, Sherri and welcome back to Deidre  
See documents below on <https://usd417.net/> > District > District Site Council

- Site Council Policy/By-Laws
- 22-23 Membership
- March 9, 2022 minutes
- Teacher and Student Resource Document

Kelly noted that state standards drive our teaching, we do not ask teachers to teach a textbook cover to cover.

Remaining dates for 2022-2023: December 7, March 8, and April 26 – hopefully, we will get all four meetings in this year!

**Updated Long Range Plan**

Two proposed updates were presented. The new updates show eight years into the future (through 2030-31). We are behind on our adoption cycle, the last core summer SAC took place in 2019. The main purpose for a Subject Area Committee is to examine state standards in detail and then make local decisions to meet standards, which is our Curriculum. Resources are chosen to teach the curriculum (but maybe not use all resources).

Option 1 – 7 yr cycle for materials for core with two summers for ELA SAC

Option 2 – 6 yr cycle for materials for core with one summer for ELA SAC

Option 1 was approved and Kelly will present this to the BOE for approval.

**Subject Area Committee Report** (see handout document)

Kelly explained the Subject Area Report 2022-2023 handout which described key items for each subject for this school year. The discussion also went over that the document will be part of the minutes so teachers have easy access.

**Change to Required Credits at HS**

The high school and Computer Science SAC is recommending eliminating the .5 elective requirement for Computer Applications. This course's topics are now embedded in 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade required courses through the Business department. This was approved by DSC and Kelly will take it to the BOE for final approval.

**Building Communication:**

**CGJSHS**

HS – Scholars bowl is going, HS musical on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, Homecoming, PSAT today, Art Club bringing back Empty Bowls, Art students are studying the history of Art. Had a pumpkin raffle for the hospital. Positive remarks on the Powerlifting class. Overall, district athletes are doing well. Vocal group going to Tabor College. Robotics game day is in two weeks. E-Sports is up and running. Hosted the Apply Kansas event to get as many kids to apply to a Kansas college and help save on college application fees. FAFSA completion is tonight. P/T conferences next week. ACT on

the 19<sup>th</sup> and a Career Fair in Hutchinson on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> for junior and seniors. Senior mentoring was yesterday and that went well. Finished fall benchmark screening and staff celebrated gains made from last year. Crisis drill went well. Had a guest speaker, Damon Parker – The Jones Project, who had spent many years as a teacher and a coach and he spoke about mental health. Very positive student reaction. We will have another speaker around Prom over dating and violence. Semester Finals Policy has changed, now with no exemptions, will reward in other ways. Thursday will host a bonfire, Friday 1pm pep rally, parade at 2pm. Reality U happened last week and it was a pretty cool experience for the kids.

**JH** – Cross country was a success – fall sports is winding down and winter sports will be happening soon. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades busy in core classes.

**CGES** – Into Reading is being used in grades 3-5. Working in groups – creating pamphlets, finished poetry books. 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Topeka to visit Brown vs Board of Education. Enrichment groups starting novels. PTO- saving pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. 6<sup>th</sup> grade to the Discovery Center. 1<sup>st</sup> grade went to the pumpkin patch. 4<sup>th</sup> grade Water Festival. 5<sup>th</sup> grade has been going to Starbase. Benchmark testing went well. Band going to Symphony Orchestra.

**PHES** – Parents can now sign-up themselves for Parent Teacher Conferences. Field trip to CG on Homecoming to visit sites and to enjoy the Homecoming events. New ELA going well. Trying to get more participation in Site Council meetings. Annual Thanksgiving Dinner with parents and grandparents coming up. It is all good in AV.

**Special Education** – Mrs. Hensley now at CGJSHS and she has students out in the community learning real world skills. Preparing for IEPs. Mallory Hiegert is doing amazing job with difficult kids.

**Title /MTSS, ESL** – Thankful for Title I staff Angela Harris and Krista Wilson.

### **Information to/From Non-School Members**

Awesome to watch JH interact with the HS students. Computer Applications is important. Dwight – a lot of new families, big summer festival went well. No daycare in Dwight or Alta Vista is an issue. A lot going on in the community. Road construction has been difficult and challenging but it will be safer in the long run. Old trophies and athletic gear being handed out to the community.

### **Board of Education Report**

Thank you to the community for all that you have done.

### **Accreditation report Year 1**

Year 5 Visit took place on April 13<sup>th</sup> (please see the handout that Kelly provided). The needs assessments process is to be completed by January, new goals written by April. Kelly had each member look at last year's potential goals and then write what we should do in our next cycle to be our "desired state." We ran out of time for most of this item. Kelly will continue to go over Year 1 items in December.

Meeting adjourned - 10:53am

**Next Meeting December 7th**