

**Unified School District
District Site Council Meeting
December 7, 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, Deidre Knight, Christa Kraus, Matt Fox, Jean Johnson, and Dene Kaster

Members

not present: Amanda McDiffett

Welcome: Kelly G. opened the meeting at 8:01am
Welcomed new community member Deidre Knight (business/industry) and welcomed Matt Fox who is sitting in for Jay Doornbos today
Reviewed and approved October minutes

Remaining dates for 2022-2023: March 8 and April 26 (*note: these meetings were not held, rescheduled for May 10*)

Updated Long Range Plan

The updated Long Range Plan was approved by the BOE and has been posted on the DSC page. We left the Long Range Plan with two years for ELA SAC curriculum development and resource adoption.

State Standards review timeline – the document in your notebook shows the state review of standards handwritten in red. We discussed the pros/cons of trying to match the state’s schedule and that it is almost impossible to do so.

Math SAC June 5-9

*Will survey all math teachers over current topics taught to find out what is really happening before SAC meets.

*Elementary K-5 representatives will need to be chosen – usually one representative from each grade level. This year is a little unusual due to the number of teachers changing grade levels.

*Decide if we will pilot math resources in 2023-2024 or simply examine resources. Only the teachers who want to pilot are asked to. Math isn’t as urgent in our district because we have good math scores. We’ve spent a lot in money in math on programs and training and that has been a good investment.

Change to Required Credits at HS

Due to DSC’s recommendation, our Board of Education approved eliminating the USD 417 .5 elective credit for Computer Applications. This has been changed on our website and in Xello. Computer Application content is now embedded in our 8th and 9th required business courses.

Kelly shared a handout showing the new Graduation Requirements that were approved by KSDE in Nov. 2022. Please review the handout to see the new changes and what did not change. The new graduation requirements begin for Class of 2028 (this year’s 7th grade). Kelly also shared USD 417 Required Credits for HS Graduation. Elective credits will reduce by 1.5 due to adding 1 STEM credit and .5 Financial Literacy.

Accreditation Report Year 1 of 5 Year Plan

As part of looking at our data, Kelly shared new research from KSDE on student success when scoring at State Assessment Level 2. There is new data available for “sublevels” of State Assessments – Kelly went through the handout on what is new and how it may impact us.

To start the Year 1 process, new 2022 data was reviewed by DLT that included State Assessments, Family Engagement, KCTC data, 2020 Graduation rate, Fall Benchmark Data for Reading and Math and Fall Benchmark for Behavior as well. We all agree that our second KESA cycle will focus on what we are already doing and how we can make what we are already doing better.

Building Communication:

CGES – 2nd grade working on problems and solutions. Holiday travel around the world by tasting foods. Lots of parents/guardians attended the holiday meal. 4th grade Everyday Hero and bringing community members in. 6th grade – Christmas care packages for community Veterans. Veteran's Day assembly, Red Ribbon week with Dave May, and winter concerts.

PHES – Veteran's Day program went very well. Gearing up for the Christmas program. Bringing back the holiday soup supper during the Holiday Concert. The Thanksgiving and Christmas meals went great with the community. Valerie said as a parent it's fun to hear about SuperKids and that it's going well. Immigrants Day family style meal before leaving for the holiday during Thanksgiving went well. The kids really enjoy it.

CGJSHS –

JH – Kansas Communities that Care Survey. Lots of activities that have been going on were reported. Mark Leinweaver was a guest speaker for the students. Mark is a major league baseball agent and public speaker that spoke to the students about Social Media Dangers and Consequences, Being Brave in Behavior, Volunteering and Anti-Bullying Leadership. We are in full swing basketball, wrestling and JH Robotics.

HS – Basketball and wrestling are ramping up, right along with lots of kids getting sick. Football went to regionals for the first time. Late Night is happening, Musical and decorating the halls again. Bravettes and Cheerleaders competed at state and that was fun to watch. Mr. Meals working on a trip to KC next week for Jazz. HS robotics placed 5th. E-sports is winding down. Mural at the Senior Center being painted by our art students. Cristy has students that are job shadowing throughout the community. When we come back from break we will start Pre-Enrollment.

Special Education – We have met state compliance. Students testing out and that helps motivate others. One para left to hire and we are full on staffing.

MTSS, ESL – ESL – We are thankful for Heidi's work with kids. MTSS – a subcommittee of DLT has been meeting to work on strengthening our MTSS.

Information to/From Non-School Members – Noticed our goals on PHES with getting community involved. Lost the city clerk in Dwight and looking for a replacement, lots of events are happening at the Methodist Church. Deidre said thanks for having me back. Kelly McDiffett is doing Bingo at the Brewery. She shared that we need to strengthen the school and the community sharing the positive. We all want the same thing in the end.

Board of Education Report – Nice to hear and see the excitement. Kudos for all the work. Clarifying that the change in our mascot is not a requirement just a recommendation. New legislative session is getting ready to start and the big topic is SPED money.

Community Meetings – We are hosting two "School and Home as Partners" community meetings

February 8th at 6:30 p.m., School and Home as Partners: The Science Behind Trauma & Resilience
April 18th at 6:30 p.m., School and Home as Partners; The Brain's Response to Stress

There will be two more next fall. Talking about filming these but they are very interactive and it may not be possible. The documentary that will be watched at the first meeting is a film that the district has the rights to and can send to people to watch.

Meeting adjourned - 10:36 a.m.

Next Meeting March 8th (rescheduled for May 10)