

**Unified School District
District Site Council Meeting
December 8, 2021**

Present: Kelly Gentry, Valerie Gehrler, Heather Honas, Jill Day, Rachel Tompkins, Aron Dody, Anita Mahanay, Shantel Sheets, Robin Frye, Amanda Vroman, Dene Kaster, Tracie Schroeder, Marla Goeckel, Christa Kraus, Jean Johnson, Chris Stevens, Diedre Knight, Kelly McDiffett, Amanda McDiffett and Cynthia Engle

Members

not present: Brooke Simonis

Welcome: Kelly G. opened the meeting 8:05 a.m.
Prior minutes are online for you to review
Kelly welcomed all members and introduced member Chris Stevens; Brooke Simonis is on maternity leave.
Remaining dates for 2021-2022: March 9, May 11

Major Priorities and Building Communication

Buildings used our priority topics for the year when presenting their reports:

- Literacy
- Resilience – Department of Justice Grant
- School staying open onsite and students being in school

CGES – Lori May’s class is enjoying the interactive board and the kids are using it every day. Sharon Richardson’s kids are working on a unit about Christmas around the world. 6th grade has just finished up learning about the Titanic. 5th grade loves going to STARBASE; they are learning to design and build kinetic & potential energy toys. Heather reported that we are doing what we can to stay onsite. Working on a new resource for getting information to parents – through weblink “1-800-Children, Supporting Parents.” This will be added to our website.

PHES – 3rd grade is preparing for state assessments. Mrs. Pollock’s students are pitching toy designs to Mrs. Gehrler. COVID-19 has stayed away but they are fighting the stomach bug. Christmas concerts next week. Kids learning to code in computer science. Literacy support with Angela has been amazing.

CGJH/HS – JH in full basketball mode and wrestling will follow shortly after basketball season, giving the kids a chance to do both sports. 7th grade ELA working on a paper about the positive and negative aspects of social media. 8th grade is reading “The Giver.” 8th grade math is actual pre-algebra and they are working to get better. Very proud of the JH/SH kids on the holiday decorations and how the kids have done amazing job with respect on keeping them up. The high school members agreed the decorations are fabulous. Scholars Bowl is going really well with a lot of freshmen participating. Home scholars bowl is on Monday. Robotics placed 4th overall and they did really well. Mrs. Coover’s class did a dill pickle autopsy and the students had to figure out what was wrong. Kansas Community Care Survey yesterday. Lots of quarantines in the building and kids are testing to stay in school. Bellhop coming up. Second trimester started Nov. 15th. Accuplacer will be given in Jan. to sophomores. Kaylee Gunzelman and her sister were recognized for their success and excellence in teaching by KSU through their program “Crash the Class.” Spelling Bee will be held after Christmas break. Literacy – Angela Harris has taking a lead for us. Interventions are going on and kids are making gains. Resilience – ESSDACK people came, dealing with direct issues and safety of staff and students.

Special Education – Staff update: still needing one para for HS math, added additional para to PreK. Been working with the staff and following guidelines from the state. Continue to work with students who have needs with new progress monitoring.

Title /MTSS, ESL – mentioned this during the 1st part of the meeting: celebrating the success of elementary interventions. ESSDACK here doing observations. Our next PD with them will be January 3 over Attachment Theory. Aron spoke about our COVID-19 protocols. KELPA opens for ESOL students on January 31. The State Assessment window opens March 21.

Subject Area Committee Reports

English Language Arts: PreK-5 did make decisions about new materials; we are preparing for the 6-12 materials decision; handwriting will also change at grades K-5; we will need an ELA SAC #2 at some point to align resources and pacing guides with new materials; “Science of Reading” information continues to grow; this is the last year for AIMSweb+ at grades K-6, they will switch to Fastbridge in 2022-23.

Math: Use of Equip at grades 1-5 has been positive; teachers have been using new online programs Happy Numbers and Get More Math; Transition to Mathematics course is working well; new for the first time “Science of Math” information is coming. Summer SAC 2023 for math.

Social Studies: New Classroom-Based State Assessment begins now at grades 4, 7, and 11. We will be required to upload our local student scores to the state at the end of the year.

Science: Electives Adv. Physics offered this year (offered every other year) and Astronomy by demand

Individual Plans of Study and Social Emotional Learning: new at grades 7-12 Xello lessons; new Kansans Can competency has been taught; updated Second Step program implemented for PreK-6

Fine Arts and Foreign Language: No big changes but great things are happening & raising money for Art. Mr Dody said that he would discuss with the BOE about funding elementary Art through the district rather than through the PTOs.

Computer Science: New (first-time ever) standards - SAC completed work this past summer; K-6 Implementing new curriculum (21-22), K-6 resources purchased; implementation of grades 7-8 (22-23); implementation at grades 9-12 (23-24). Kelly had a handout on the Summary from Computer Science SAC 2021-22 and the Computer Science Standard Outline.

CTE: Continuing to implement the new Pathways upper level courses; there has been success of students in these organizations.

Kelly G. discussed the **Long-Range Plan** in great detail. DSC approved the changes and she will be taking the changes to BOE in January. The hand-out from Kelly G is located on the District Site Council page on the district website.

Teacher & Students Resources Document – This document is also on our website under District Site Council as well for review. She will be adding PreK later. Explains all curriculum and resources we use.

Changes to Required Credits at HS – We will wait until March to discuss possibly eliminating the .5 requirement for Computer Application.

Information to/From Non-School Members – Law Enforcement used the HS facilities over Thanksgiving break for training. Thank you for all the things you do on top of other things you already do. Appreciate the email about transportation on Hwy 177.

Board of Education Report – Deidre thanked everyone for the work that they do; pay attention with what is happening at the state level for public education. Kelly G thanked Deidre for her service. Mr. Dody said the state would like to take away at-risk funds; roofs are being done. Butler Community College possibly might lose their current location; he also thanked Deidre; lots of education talk taking place at Rotary.

Meeting adjourned 11:02 a.m.

Next Meeting Date March 9th at 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Change to Required Credits at HS