

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

June 20, 2024

4:15 p.m. – Room 214

Minutes

1. Welcome/Introductions

Committee Members: Shelley Arns, Rachael Petty, Emily Pool, Dr. Todd Pettit, Kim Dinkheller, Erica Maynard, Janet Silas, Pat Arnold

School Administrators: Jody Steinke, Brenda Flear, Amber Whicker, Brad Funkenbusch, Brian, Trowbridge, Jason Fink, Marcey Wells, Mindy Bockenfeld, Sara Cramer

Members of the Public: Debbie Husar, Rhonda Lentz, Dr. Todd Porter

2. Committee Discussion Items

- **2024-2025 District/School Improvement Plans**

Kim Dinkheller, Director of Teaching and Learning reviewed the 2024-2025 District/School Improvement Plans. The School Improvement Plans are aligned to the District Improvement Plan, this on-going. They are reviewed annually and monitored 3 times throughout the year, Fall, Winter and Spring. The plans are unique to each school but continue to be aligned to the District Commitment Goals/Improvement Plan. Kim asked committee members for any questions and principals were given the opportunity to respond and comment on their school plans. Kim will post the Plans on the QPS website.

- **New Course Proposal – QHS**

Jody Steinke, principal at Quincy Senior High School presented a proposal for a new course, Science Research. A Science Coach Club has been in place at QHS for the past three years. The Science Research class will replace the Science Coach Club.

- The course will be offered as an after school 3 hour course one evening per week.
- Grade Weight year 3 and 4 of the course.
- Students must be enrolled in two years of the course prior to receiving grade weighted credit in year 3. Student must be enrolled in three years of the course prior to receiving grade weighted credit in year 4.
- This would start with the incoming class of freshmen. The first year that would include grade weighted credit would be 2026-27.

- **K-5 Report Card Revision Pilot Update and Recommendation**

Erica Maynard, Elementary Education Director PK-5, provided an update on the new school report cards.

KINDERGARTEN, 1st GRADE, and 4th GRADE

Kindergarten teachers piloted a new report card during 2022-2023.....2023-2024 adoption

1st and 4th grade teachers piloted a new report card during 2023-2024.... Requesting adoption for 2024-2025 KDG is aligned to the IL standards and the KIDS Observation (Kindergarten Readiness) areas.

1st and 4th are aligned to the IL standards.

2nd GRADE, 3rd GRADE, and 5th GRADE- PILOT

2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, and 5th Grade – pilot 2024-2025

Adoption 2025-2026

Teacher guides and parent guides are in development

Trimester reporting (like Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 4th Grade)

Member Arns asked for a motion to make a recommendation to the Board to approve the School Improvement Plans as presented. A motion was made by member Pool and seconded by member Arnold.

Member Arns asked a for a motion to make a recommendation to the Board to approve the new Science Research Course at QHS. A motion was made by member Silas and seconded by member Pool.

Member Arns asked a for a motion to make a recommendation to the Board to approve the adoption of 1st and 4th grade report cards, and to pilot report cards for 2nd, 3rd and 5th grades. A motion was by member Pool and seconded by member Silas.

- **2024-2025 District Improvement Team Meeting Dates**

Kim reviewed the dates for District Improvement Team Meeting dates for the 2024-2025 school year.

4. Recommend to the Board of Education for Action

- Approve the School Improvement Plans.
- Approve the Science Research course proposal at Quincy Senior High School
- Approve the adoption of 1st and 4th grade report cards, and the pilot of 2nd, 3rd and 5th grade report cards.

5. Consider any other matter relating to the District Improvement Process

- none

6. Questions and Comments from the Public

- Ronda Lentz, parent, asked for clarification on items in the School Improvement Plans. She also commented on the opportunity to engage parents at Kindergarten Camps.

Member Petty made a motion to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by member Pool. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Next Meeting September 19, 2024