

School Improvement Advisory Committee

February 6, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Junior-Senior High Media Center

District Vision: Creating a climate in which individuals of the ICSD will strive to become effective communicators, problem solvers, responsible citizens, and productive people.

District Mission: Educating people to be life-long learners and respectful, responsible citizens.

Present: Kelly Mitchell, Kay Reidy, Kirby Holtzman, Angie Jenkins, Terri Janaszak, Kim Hansen, Molly Beatty, Kelly/Justin Post, Jeff Anderson, Jen Sweeney, Cameron Schmitt, Faith Janaszak, Brian Smith, Grace Bertelli, Melissa Hesner, Jean Peterson, John Howard, Dewey Hupke, Danielle Meyer, Erin Burmeister, Steve Noyes, Susan Johnson, Shelly Reed, Tonishia Dockstader

Absent: Shalon Frye, Trish O'Loughlin, Tia Shaffer, Susie Toale, Amber Weber, Jason/Molly Puffett, Spenser Rothman, Cheri Reed, Trish O'Loughlin

Agenda:

1. Review District Technology Plan
 - a. Mr. Noyes went over the goals of the district technology plan
 - Goals are focused more on student learning
 - Our digital citizens will:
 1. use a wide variety of technology for communication and collaboration.
 2. use appropriate technology to demonstrate knowledge in authentic learning opportunities.
 3. use appropriate technology to analyze information and think critically.
 4. evaluate and provide input regarding current needs and access to appropriate technology.
 - b. Mr. Noyes also went over the Independence Communication Plan

- Highlighted a variety of ways ICSD attempts to contact different stakeholders
- This list will be found on the website in the near future

2. Iowa School Report Card

- Mr. Howard and Mrs. Burmeister presented the Iowa School Report Card for Independence
 - 8 measures used to “grade” each school building
 1. Proficiency
 2. Closing the Achievement Gap
 3. College and Career Readiness
 4. Annual Expected Growth
 5. Graduation Rate
 6. Attendance
 7. Staff Retention
 8. College and Career Ready Growth
 - Jr/Sr High is ranked acceptable
 - West Elementary is commendable
 - East Elementary was unable to rate due to the fact that they don’t take the Iowa Assessments at this level
- There was discussion based on how the formula for ranking was determined and what this means for the school.
- See attached link for the full [presentation](#)
- More information and the full report can be found on the following website
<http://reports.educateiowa.gov/schoolreportcard>

3. Postsecondary Readiness Report

- Mrs. Burmeister presented on this report
 - Provides information about what graduates are doing after high school
 1. On average 66% of students from the graduating classes of 2012, 2013, and 2014 enrolled in a college or university within one year of high school

2. On average 19% of students from the graduating classes of 2012, 2013, and 2014 had to take at least one remedial course in math or English within one year of high school graduation

- More information as well as the full report can be found on the following website
<http://reports.educateiowa.gov/postsecondaryreadiness>

4. Curriculum Cycles

- a. Mrs. Burmeister presented the curriculum cycle document
 - Highlighted information in detail about Reading and Science and the work being done for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years.
 - See attached [document](#): this is a working document

5. Work on SIAC Goals

- a. Mrs. Burmeister and Mr. Howard facilitated the continuation of a group activity to help lay some groundwork for the creation of new SIAC goals
 - The committee was assigned to groups based on the building they were representing
 - The groups reviewed the strengths and areas to grow for their building
 - Then they discussed and reviewed what their group previously said about what an Independence graduate should look like
 - Finally, groups were asked to prioritize the information they had shared by putting the items in order from highest to lowest priority in each category
- b. Mrs. Burmeister, Mr. Howard and Superintendent Peterson will review and compile this information and then bring it back to the committee at the April meeting.

The next SIAC meeting will be held on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:30 in the JSH Media Center.