

SIAC Minutes

October 25, 2023 - 5:15 PM – HS Board Room

Present:

Parents - Ben Bergman, Quentin Stortenbecker, Kristy DeWaard, Jen Bixel(school board member), Jen Weiland

Community - Steve Redig

Staff - Dan Peterson, Michelle DeHart, Ruth Verbrugge, Wayne Kronemann, Ryan Wagner

Old Business:

New Business:

HS Course Enrollment Data

Mr. Peterson provided a spreadsheet of Civil Rights Data for the 2023-2024 school year. This illustrated high school course enrollment data disaggregated by gender, socio-economic status, ethnicity, IEP, and ELL identifications. A summary of findings was shared and will be used to address any equity concerns in the HS. Data available upon request.

- Local large welding business has one female welder. Our numbers fall in line with that maybe even above that ratio.
- The Culinary Arts program is up and running; Hope to see an increase in numbers.
- We push concurrent courses instead of AP courses because possible financial burden for students

District Data Profile

Mrs. Verbrugge presented data gathered by Tracy Thompsen, AEA consultant, regarding the 2023 ISASP assessment rankings within Central Rivers AEA. Findings from the data illustrate the positive impact that the district professional development is having on the state assessment results.

- West Hancock scores rank up at the top of the 53 AEA schools. We are proud of that.

ISASP Results Spring 2023

Mrs. Verbrugge provided an overview of ISASP trend data overview. The data shows that the improvements we have made support that we can continue to set higher goals each year. A suggested short term goal to reach for was set at 85% in each area assessed by the ISASP assessment. Data available upon request and will be posted online

- Curriculum in Math and Literacy have been updated and are consistent grades K-8.
- A one day test is not necessarily a perfect indicator of what kids are actually learning. We use multiple data points to determine if we need to intervene in the district, classroom, or individual instructional process.

Discussion Items from the Floor

- Administrators addressed questions about upcoming challenges in education. A big concern is attracting, hiring, and retaining qualified candidates for positions across all job opportunities within the district. A related concern is how the district will adjust to the number of staff nearing retirement and the impact it will have on the district.
- Continuing to be fiscally responsible is an area of importance for the district.
- Being prepared for the mental health needs of students is an area of potential concern. There is a need to address resiliency in students. A lack of coping skills and being able to handle simple disagreements and being able to distinguish what is truly bullying and harassment.
- No community needs or facility needs assessment completed this year as it was just done last year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm