

EISA Subcommittee Minutes

6/16/21

In attendance: Chair Tammy Mahoney, School Board Subcommittee members Jamie Fitzpatrick and Dawn Dutton, Superintendent Tom Ambrose, Director of Teaching and Learning Patty Haynes, Director of Guidance Heidi Leavitt, HS Principal Brian Stack, HS Assistant Principal Matt Malila. Called to order by Mahoney at 4:30 pm.

Minutes of the 5/19/21 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved. Ms. Leavitt presented a summary of information gathered from discussions with admissions officers, with a recommendation to remove class rank from the transcript. There was general agreement that it should be optional since it provides an advantage for students ranked at the top, but can cause other students' applications to be disregarded. Other factors considered in the admissions process are course load rigor and HS rating and the district will continue to focus on areas that impact those, such as instruction and access to college-level courses. Dr. Haynes presented recommendations from Ms. Evans' work at the HS this year, including an increase in math class time for instruction and practice, and a vertically aligned 7-12 curriculum with clear outcomes. She also recommended that the rubrics should be aligned and teachers trained in using them. There was general agreement with these recommendations, and discussion ensued regarding ways to implement them. Dr. Haynes reported that Illustrative Math will be piloted next year in grades 7-12.

The committee finalized these goals for next year.

1. Monitor the district's progress to move to a numeric grading system that translates into a letter grade. Moved by Mr. Fitzpatrick, seconded by Ms. Dutton. All in favor.
2. Monitor the district's progress toward achieving the goal of more instructional time in math and reading. Moved by Ms. Mahoney, seconded by Ms. Dutton. All in favor.
3. Monitor the district's progress to research and implement a new math curriculum for grades 7-12 by fall of 2022. Moved by Ms. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick. All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned by Mahoney at 5:55pm.