

**Independent School District 318**  
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**Strategic Aims: Highest Student Achievement, Safe Environment,**  
**Effective and Efficient Systems, Partnerships**

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**District Shared Decisions Council Minutes, Monday, April 17, 2006**

Present: Susan Smith, Kathy Selmsler, Angie Anderson, Susan Marking, Sue Miskovich, Nate Lyons, Harvey Hietala, Betty Brandt, Bonnie Johnson, Sue Mattson, Nancy Roth (Bridges Mentoring)

The meeting was called to order by Sue Mattson.

Additions to the agenda: Early Release recommendations; School Report Card changes.

Bonnie Johnson moved to approve the minutes of March 13, 2006 with the correction that Sue Smith attended the March meeting. The motion was supported by Susan Marking. Motion carried.

**Mentoring:** Nancy Roth spoke to the group regarding school-based mentoring. This program would take place during the school day with the child and their mentor meeting for approximately 45 minutes. Some of the time would be spent on building a relationship and could include a reading or other academic component. The students targeted would be at risk students living in poverty. A committee from a school identified to pilot the project would collaborate with Bridges Mentoring to design the program.

**Site Team Planning** has been planned for **Tuesday, May 2**, from **8:30 – 3:00**, at **Wendigo Resort and Conference Center**. Mary Jo Wimmer will facilitate.

**Building site teams should bring:**

- 2005-2006 building improvement plan
- Data to measure 05-06 goals which could include
  - Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) data
  - Attendance and discipline reports
  - Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) data sheet
  - Systems Accountability Survey results
  - Staff Development Report
- Complete 05-06 report
- Write new goals for 06-07

**Agenda Suggestions:**

- District Overview and Aims (data on progress for meeting goals)
- Overview of SMART goal process (five minutes)
- District Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and No Child Left Behind (NCLB) overview
- Strategies for improvement
- Enough time for buildings to identify goals and design action plans

Building improvement plans will be reviewed and feedback provided by the District Shared Decisions Committee at their June 6 meeting.

**2006-2007 Early Release Dates:** A proposal needs to be developed for several early release days for the next school year. Suggestions for building activities:

- Activities should focus on building goals
- Analyze data on progress toward meeting goals
- Cross grade level discussions on expected student outcomes and grading student work
- Strategies to use in classrooms to meet goals (focus on a best practice strategy; identify ways to implement in classrooms; report back at the next meeting)
- Focus on reading – identify strategies that could be used across the curriculum

**Calendar Timeframes to Note:**

- Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing and 06-07 MCA II testing will take place April 16 – May 4
- MCA II Science field testing will take place April 30 – May 25 (will need to use computer labs)
- MAP testing needs to be scheduled in March and early April
- Buildings need the MAP data for updating improvement plans in May
- Besides some MCA II testing in May, there are too many activities (field trips, etc.) scheduled

**Our School's Report Card:** The data received from Systems Accountability's *Our School's Report Card* survey has limited use and is focused more on building climate and communications. Systems Accountability will revise the survey. Shared Decisions will review and provide feedback.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 8, 2006, at 7:45 a.m., in Administrative Services Room 135.**

Agenda:

- Review and evaluate May 2 site team training and activities
- School Report Card feedback
- District Improvement Plan (AYP)  
Goals and action plan for 2006-2007

Respectfully submitted,

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