

ISD 318 Systems Accountability Minutes
Tuesday, September 26, 2006
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Administrative Services Boardroom

Present: Judy MacAlpine, Doug Learmont, Ruth E. Tatter, Joan Bibeau, Jodi Weston, Rod Eidelbes, Connie Braiedy, Dale Christy, Paul Meyer, Charlene DeLawyer, Eugene H. Brandt, Lora Mathison

Effective & Efficient Systems:

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Introductions were made. Minutes of August 26 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Ruth Tatter & Gene Brandt will be joining the Committee. Dale Christy will join the Committee while he is working towards his administration degree.

No additions or changes to the agenda.

Highest Student Achievement:

Finalize Systems Accountability Annual Report:

- Reviewed report to ensure met all State guidelines. Walked through each guideline on the State's checklist.
- Several areas needed follow-up:
 1. IEC & Early Childhood need goals
 2. Is progress on previous improvement plans reflected?
 3. Need to check on demographics (MARSS, IEP, 504, etc)
- Report will go to School Board on Oct 3. Charlene & Gene Brandt will present.
- Report will be in Herald Review, on web page and hardcopies available at conference.
- Next year Char proposed we do the plan in-district

Our School's Report Card:

- Will invite representatives from Shared Decisions Committee to join us when we review this years SA survey to gain their input.
- Shared Decisions suggested doing a mailing to HS student's parents
- Discussed "rewards" for HS, MS & elementary students returning surveys
- Like the idea of students walking around with clipboards during conferences asking parents to fill out survey
- Teachers handing out surveys to parent(s) is more effective than having survey laying on table in entry way
- In the elementary bldgs could the survey be put in the Tuesday folder the week before?
- Discussed the idea of a resource table at conferences with SA information and other district info.
- Discussed need to let parents know how important the survey is to the district

- Discussed the possibility of doing one survey per school you have students in, rather than one per family or one per student

Membership:

- Gene & Ruth will be joining the Committee. Char will take their names to the School Board for approval.
- Discussed need to have more community members, especially from outlining areas.
- Need student reps for 2006/07, Connie & Rod will follow up.
- Would like an Early Childhood parent on the Committee
- Reviewed membership terms after last months follow up with members

Online Learning:

- Jo McClure was unable to make the meeting, Lora & Rod reported
- Walked through Virtual Itasca Area Academy of Learning (VITAL) power point presentation (attached)
- Shared enrollment, staffing, credits, finances, etc.
- Discussed need to add Technical Writing to the curriculum

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP):

- Expanding grades using MAP this year to 2 – 9 grade
- Testing begins Sept 25 and runs through Oct 11, 2006
- Test both reading & math skills
- Computerized adaptive test (the difficulty of the test is adjust). The difficulty of each question is based on how well the student answered the previous questions.
- MAP measures a student's growth during the year in reading & math
- First year all students testing on PCs

Partnerships

What other topics like reviewed/ discussed besides curriculum?

- Transportation
- Suggested set up a full year reports & then adjust as needed

Next Meeting:

Agenda: Language Arts K-6; Early Childhood (ECSE & ECFE) & Invest Early & School Readiness

Tuesday, October 24, 2006
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Administrative Services Boardroom

Respectfully Submitted, Lora
Attachment: VITAL