

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

District Shared Decisions Council Minutes, Monday, September 13, 2004

Members Present: Bill Baltus, Laurie Harrington, Lynnette LaRoque, Nate Lyons, Susan Mattson, Kathy Selmser, Bonnie Johnson, Angela Anderson, Amy Keranen, Sue Hoefft, Susan Marking and Harvey Hietala.

The meeting was called to order by Bill Baltus.

The minutes of the June 14, 2004 meeting were approved by consensus.

HIGHEST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

04-05 Building Improvement Plans

Riverview: As Riverview was not represented, their improvement plan will be reviewed at the October meeting.

Administrative Services reported that each department is reviewing and updating their plans.

School Board will review and update their goals at a Board workshop.

The **District Shared Decisions Indicator Report**, presented to the School Board on July 19, was reviewed. The report summarizes the various topics the council covered during 2003-2004.

District Test Results:

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP): The district report card reflects the district met and exceeded adequate yearly progress in all areas except proficiency for special education students in reading and math.

School report cards reflected all schools met AYP in all areas and received three stars. Several sites received four or five stars due to meeting additional criteria.

American College Test (ACT): All areas are above state and national averages.

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) scores reflect steady increases in proficiency.

Site Reports:

Cohasset hasn't met as of yet but will be reviewing goals.

Bigfork has met to review membership and set meeting dates. The attendance policy is being implemented with positive results as students know and understand consequences.

Area Learning Center is in the process of finalizing student registration. They have implemented an online course in history this summer and will implement social studies in night school. Handbooks were distributed which explain school policies.

Grand Rapids High School hasn't had an opportunity to meet and will focus on site committee restructure.

Early Childhood Family Education hasn't met as of yet but has been busy registering children and families. Classes are full with waiting lists for some classes.

Murphy has developed a meeting schedule for the year and reviewed goals. They are discussing responsibilities of the site team. The team will focus on student achievement. All staff will be encouraged to participate on a committee. They are considering practicing math facts using the sustained silent reading (SSR) model.

School Board: This past year, the middle school property sale was completed. A committee is working on long range building plans.

Forest Lake: A calendar of meetings has been formulated and goals were reviewed. A new discipline plan which incorporates a social skills program has been implemented. Student folders are being used to get school information home. Grades K-3 received a Blandin Foundation grant to implement parent involvement and intervention strategies in reading. They also are considering becoming a schoolwide Title school.

Southwest has established a calendar for site team meetings and developed a variety of necessary building schedules.

Administrative Services has several new site members so the first meeting was an opportunity to review the purpose and goals of the site council. Each department is reviewing and updating their improvement plans.

Blandin Educational Leadership Program: Three days in June provided representative staff and community the opportunity to review district data including test results and the community survey. District goals were established by consensus. Two days in August were devoted to building leadership skills in district principals and supervisors. Each person attending, after reviewing staff feedback, set personal leadership goals. The dates of November 2 and 3 have been tentatively set for site team training and time for finalizing district goals with the establishment of an implementation plan.

Shared Decisions Council's recommendation for site team training is to provide working and planning time for teams (teams want to go back with a plan in place), interpretation and use of data (how do we analyze and disaggregate data).

Next Meeting: Our next meeting is **Monday, October 11, 2004, at 7:45 a.m.** in the Administrative Services Boardroom.

Agenda Items Include:

- 04-05 Improvement Plans
 - Riverview
 - Administrative Services
 - School Board
- Legislative Issues
 - video on school finances
- Blandin Educational Leadership Program
 - site training
 - goal implementation/process
- Reports from Sites
- Review Blandin Community Survey
- Site Team Chair Training

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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