

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Educational Programs/Policy/Strategy Committee

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 - D. Board Committee: **Educational Programs/Policy/Strategy Committee**
 - E. Date and Time of Meeting: **November 3, 2015, 4:00 p.m.**
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Board members present: Tami Ryan, Jim Prochaska, Lisa Wittman, Mike Donohue. District representatives present: Stan Rheingans, Amy Hawkins, Rozy Warder, Mike Cyze.

Ms. Ryan called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. at the Forum.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Special Education Report

Summit Program – entitled students who fail to meet IEP goals are eligible for special education services through the year they turn 21. The district has been working for three years, through the METS grant, to redesign what happens when a student completes graduation requirements, but have unmet IEP goals. The Summit Program was designed for only high school students who have met their graduation requirements. Students would exit the program at age 21 or when they have met their IEP goals. The program has three instructors and two job coaches with 21 students in the program currently.

Marshall Therapeutic Classroom – four students are currently utilizing this transitional classroom. This classroom is designed for 4-6 students with a neurologic or mental health issue to help understand and teach them to recognize what triggers their anxiety, behavior, etc. The goal is to return the student to the typical classroom.

Activities Report

Amy Hawkins reported that both high school football teams made it to the playoffs. After this year, it will be more difficult to qualify for playoffs. There has been much athletic success at the high school level. The middle schools have had record participation numbers. The Activities Council will meet on November 12. She distributed a School Uniforms Approval Process. An added approval step was implemented so Ms. Hawkins will approve all uniform proposals. This process will eliminate any surprises.

Mike Cyze indicated that the district will be starting the process of rebranding the high school mascot logos. Funding will need to be determined to pay for an athletic identity development company to provide this design service with possible trademarking licensure. A ballpark cost would be \$15,000 for both schools.

Master Course Development/Learning Management System

Mr. Rheingans reviewed the Master Course Development/Learning Management System. By working through the Teacher Leadership Grant, major topics and issues were developed that need to be covered to ensure that all students have the necessary skills to be 21st Century college and career ready. The theory of change – if we target specific grade levels and courses for curriculum revision, integration of 21st Century performance skills, common assessments and technology integration, then we will implement real-world problem-based learning, make accurate data-driven instructional decisions, embed technology tools that support personalized learning and create an assessment system that measures and reports student learning accurately.

Teacher Leadership Grant/Governor's Visit

Mr. Rheingans reviewed the tentative agenda for the Teacher Leadership Overview, a conversation with Governor Terry Branstad, Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds, and Director of Education Ryan Wise, on November 6 at Washington Middle School.

Policy #5200 – Student Behavior

This policy was distributed. A committee will be formed to revise this policy.

Other Items

Mr. Rheingans reported that the second week of December (date to be determined) a victim services advocate from the FBI will present a parent education session on sexting, etc.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 8 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Joni Lucas, Secretary
Board of Education