Board Retreat Agenda

Monday, July 24, 6:30PM

Supt John Cselovszki Home

1.    Welcome (eat) Attendance: Jeremy Domeier, Joleen Dittbenner, Brian Nelson, Darla Remus, Casey Coulson, Bryan Sellner, Sheila Wurtzberger, Supt. John Cselovszki

2.    Overview of the year:  Had a great year, looking forward to another great year starting soon.

3.    Review 2016-17 elementary, HS, climate, teacher exit surveys:  Appreciate the honest feedback that we are getting and would like more of it.  We would like to find a way to have more parents fill these out.  Numbers for lunch were dipping towards the end of the year, but we feel we have one of the best salad bars around, looking to add more macaroni salads and such to it.  Taher was very receptive to our concerns.  There was a concern that we took away all the wood working classes and classes "that teach kids valuable lessons", the AG umbrella classes are classes that have wood working in them and you do not have to be in FFA to take these classes as that was also a concern.  Electives are being reintroduces such as Food Science and Accounting.  FST will be an elective instead of a mandatory class next year but Mr. Laffen says he believes that MCA test scores will go down because there will not be as many kids taking that class.  Teachers do not believe that they grade based solely on testing (realizing that some kids do not test well) but say that they take conversations with students and other work when they do grade.  Also reviewed lunch balance calls and how we can change notifications because parents are receiving way to many calls even when they have a lunch balance of $40.  Apparently there is a way to stop this in the parent portal on the school website.

4.    Review elementary and HS PLC/building reports:  Standards Based Grading and Digital Days were introduced.  In the High School the Eligibility Policy was revamped to fulfill the Standards Based Grading system.  Retake policy took effect and our online learning platform Schoology was implemented.

5.    Review Elementary and HS 2017-18 PLC/building goals: Standards based grading was discussed such as developing rubrics that take into account students learning curves and assessment for all the power standards.  Would like to see a 3% growth in Math and Reading in grades K-6, and 3% growth in Science in grades 5 & 6.  We are implementing the Digital Day to replace snow days as many parents and teachers did appreciate this.  Would like to continue to bring more people from the community in to the school for teaching moments and we would like to incorporate more community projects that the students will participate in.  Would like to maintain Reward School status.  Mr.C. would like to be more visible with his walk through and provide ongoing feedback to staff.  He would like to provide more Gifted and Talented services as well.  In the high school all new staff is being paired with a mentor that they can confide in and learn from, since we have a lot of new teachers. They will finalize core/anchor standards that will appear on grade reports for the 18-19 year.

6.   Review 2016-17 Curriculum: felt things were going well and will continue to make improvements.

7.   Curriculum goals for 2017-18:  Would like to focus on Science MCA's and see if we cannot get those scores up.

8.    Review Strategic plan (EL/HS ratings) Some changes will need to take place because of some things that no longer affect us, we will look at that in the future.

9.    Programming discussion

     District: Technology direction (Tyler), Business office (Amanda), Teacher mentoring (Jeanine) Tyler said that technology wise we are in a good position, in the business office Amanda is implementing a lot of new things and has many more things that she would like to see.  She also reported that everyone works well together in the office.  Jeannine reported about the teacher mentoring program that brings seasoned teachers together to show the new teachers the ropes.  We have a lot of new teachers.

     Elementary: Personalized Learning (Jodi, Samantha, Emily) Great presentation and we would like to see more before we continue, maybe a field trip.

     Elementary: Boys Town training (John)

     HS: (Shane)

     Athletics: pairing and sharing:  Decided not to do this at this time, we felt we would not be competitive enough to go to a AA school.  Will look at other options.

10.     Anything Else

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Wurtzberger/clerk