

## **WBWF Committee Minutes**

**October 1, 2019**

**District Conference Room**

**3:30 p.m.--4:25 p.m.**

**Members in Attendance:** Alexis Lutgen, Greg Johnson, Laura Roelike, Nadine Rieland, Nancy Trehey, Scott Hansen, Sue Jenkins, Greg Bertrand (Teacher Candidate in EC), Amy Notch

- I. **Goal Summary Report**

Amy Notch shared the data associated with last year's goals written for the WBWF plan. The district had mixed results across the goal areas. Specific information can be found on the WBWF page of the district's website. Committee member feedback highlighted the work that isn't always well measured by standardized assessments is not represented in the report. Also, the challenges of always having to increase some data points even when we know meeting the goal is unlikely, is not necessarily a poor reflection of our work. New goals for this year's plan will be built from the committee's ideas and feedback.
- II. **State Assessment Results**

Amy Notch shared the state assessment data with the committee. While the district's overall results are strong, administration and teachers are working to develop plans of action for those areas where results were concerning.
- III. **Portrait of a Graduate**

Greg Johnson shared the district's work around a portrait of a graduate at Albany Area Schools. Using data gathered from the school board, teachers, the administrative team, students, parents, and the World Economic Forum, the district has identified six essential skills within the portrait. This information will be shared with all stakeholders once the portrait is formalized.
- IV. **Definition of Personalized Learning**

Amy Notch shared definitions of personalized learning, including the district's current draft. The Personalized Learning Leadership Design team will continue their work on the definition later this month.
- V. **Calendar Updates**

Greg Johnson and Amy Notch shared information about current school year and upcoming school year calendars. A flexible learning day was added for the high school on February 13th, 2020. An early out was added on May 29th, 2020. The 2020-2021 calendar reflects a late Labor Day start date; otherwise, there are no major changes or concerns currently.
- VI. **Assessment Updates**

Amy Notch shared the annual assessment overview for the district. Nancy Trehey noted that the document should reflect the district's use of FAST for Pre-Kindergarten 2 students. Notch also shared that the district has added the CogAT as a screening tool for the High Potential program in the district.

## VII. Curriculum Updates

### A. Physical Education

PE teachers aligned standards and researched tools to increase students' engagement and self-evaluation skills within the physical education classroom. The district has purchased Heart Zone monitors for all buildings to support this initiative.

### B. Fine Arts

#### 1. K-5 Music

The K-5 music team explored multiple curriculums before choosing to pilot two different resources. After the pilot, the team selected Gameplan as the best curriculum option for students.

#### 2. 7-12 Vocal Music

The vocal music department added a broader selection of music as well as resources to improve sight reading in students. Additionally, Finale software was added as a tool for the department in its efforts to create music notation for the choirs.

#### 3. 7-12 Instrumental Music

The instrumental music department has upgraded its version of Finale.

#### 4. K-12 Visual Arts

The visual arts team has proposed an improvement in tools used in the courses they teach. Once quotes are all in, plans will be finalized.

### C. Media

Amy Notch will be meeting with the media team soon.

### D. Interventions

Amy Notch will be meeting with the interventions team soon.

### E. Math Resources

Due to changing technology and pending litigation for a publishing company, digital subscriptions to curricular math resources are no longer reliable or even available. The math curriculum committee will be meeting in late October/early November to determine next steps in addressing this resource issue.

The next meeting for the WBWF committee will be Thursday, January 16th, at 3:30 p.m. in the district office conference room.