

In attendance: Melanie Smith, Chadli Bodily, Julie Barlow, Adam Thompson, Belinda Kuck, Jared Fawson, Twila Bisk, Vanessa Quan, Sabrina Hornbeck, Kathleen Wilcox. **Excused:** Kyle Roche

Welcome – Melanie Smith

Thank you to school personnel for efforts through covid adjustments and soft closures.

Minutes

Minutes from November 9 meeting:

Motion to approve: Lynette Checketts – Second: Melanie Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Business - Melanie

March meeting date changed to Monday, March 5, 2021. All presented (a majority) consented.

Budget Update – Chadli Bodily

We are half way through the year and about half way through the spending. Everything is on track.

School SIP Update – English, Math Departments and Instructional Coaches

English – Christy Waite and Christy Techmeyer reported that the money they were allocated has been well used to coordinate teams, mostly the 12 grade teams. All age groups are working toward meeting pacing guides set by the district. They expressed their appreciation to the council.

Math – Michelle Taylor reported that the goal had been to develop more project based learning opportunities, but due to the nature of the year, the money has been used adding to video bands for absent students and for online learning, ie. Canvas. They have built and strengthened teams to have students tested the same and analyze results and resources to adjust where needed. Discrepancies in results have led to evaluation and adjustments.

Instructional Coaches – Adam Thompson reported that student engagement began with 4 teaching coaches who did instructional coaching and development with their peers to help them identify what they needed and help them improve on it and an individual basis. The goal is to “meet teachers individually where they are and help them with the skills they needed.” There are dedicated times each week when teachers can access these coaches. The coaches are available during their two consecutive periods. Surveys have provided feedback to show the usefulness. Sabrina Hornbeck offered that it has been a lifesaver for new teachers who came in without having had a student teaching opportunity. More seasoned teachers have appreciated the technical help that has been needed during the online time of schooling, particularly with canvas. Coaches were thanked for their efforts.

Revisions on School bylaws – tabled until May. Motion made by Melanie, seconded by Sabrina. Passed.

Belinda Kuck – DSD Teaching and Learning director joined to discuss the Portrait of a Graduate.

Belinda explained that the goal is to develop a well-rounded graduate, a healthy whole child rather than just academics. We discussed critical thinking skills, dispositions, experiences and means of assessment to determine if a student is proficient as a critical thinker. We also brainstormed ways to report to parents this proficiency. The whole council participated in offering insights that were collected by Chadli for the use of DSD as they proceed with this program.

Motion to adjourn by Melanie – seconded by Lynette. Motion passed.

Next meeting: February 8 at 3 pm in the media center (if possible). It will be a data dive meeting. The March meeting has been changed to March 15. It will be focused on our spending allocation plan.