

Community Forum with Dr. Winslow

April 4, 2022 5:00 p.m.

- Dr. Winslow introduced herself and members in attendance, that will help with the forum, and their rolls. Attendees were invited to put comments and questions in the chat or to unmute themselves for an open discussion.
- Topic PLCs - Dr. Winslow shared
 - The definition
 - Three Big Ideas of Professional Learning Communities
 - The Power of Collaboration - John Hattie's Visible Learning Research
 - Four Critical Questions of PLC
- Questions on PLCs
 - No questions were posed.
- Questions asked during registration:
 - June 9th Act 80 Day - Do students need attend school this day? Dr. Winslow shared that student attendance is not required on June 9th. Last day for students is June 8th.
 - First day of School and why earlier - Dr. Winslow shared that the first day of school is August 22, this is due to where Labor Day falls this year, the ability to hold graduation at the Giant Center on June 1, 2023, the desire to have less time for "summer forgetting" and to have a full week when school starts to get students reacclimated.
 - Charis Mincavage - Calendar question - October has an extra day off on Wednesday October 5th, what is this for? Dr. Winslow shared that this a Jewish Holiday, Yom Kippur.
 - SEL question - Kim O'Connell - Asked about the purpose of the SEL surveys given to students. Dr. Winslow shared that this is an internal measure for how we are doing - it is similar to the surveys the state used to offer on Climate and Culture, while this data is purely for district use, not state reporting. Dr. Winslow shared that secondary students reported a sense of not belonging so the administration is looking to get more students involved in the talks with teachers. If a student chooses to not participate is it an option? Yes, survey participation is optional.
 - Deanna Slamans - Is student data going to be shared with parents from the surveys? Dr. Winslow shared that the data is not for public sharing, it is not a board approved survey, simply one to get student input on how we are doing.
 - Charis Mincavage - Will the time switch still happen in the next year or so? Dr. Winslow shared that no, not at this time. It is not logistically possible at the moment due to the turn around time needed for transportation.
 - Katherine English - Post COVID, is there still social distancing at schools? Dr. Winslow shared that there is still a little bit at the elementary level with lunches, students are seated 6 feet apart, also about 50% of the students are still wearing masks. The middle school students have a choice to sit in cafeteria or hall way at three feet apart or six feet in the LGL.

Are there learning gaps post COVID? Dr. Winslow shared that post COVID and pre-COVID, very good systems have been in place to provide support to those that need it and the systems are working.

- Kristin Argento - Why the tight regulations at high school level? Dr. Winslow shared that during COVID a lot of students have not been where they should be and it falls back on the responsibility of the teachers to be accountable for where students are. Really, this is a safety issue.
- Mrs. English - Are fights in school still on the uptick? Dr. Winslow shared that there was an uptick at the start of the year then again going into the holidays. Consequences have been issued along with having community support. Bathroom use for the most part is back to or close as possible to normal. Cameras are helping as well as the hall passes will help with this. Overall, things are much better than earlier this year.
What of the reports of sex in the bathrooms at the middle school and high school? Dr. Winslow indicated that there has been no report of this at the middle school, however, there were students who engaged in sexual behavior in a high school bathroom. Parents were notified and appropriate consequences were issued.
- Mr. Kelly English - What is the process of how books are allowed into the school libraries. Dr. Winslow shared that this comes from staff and student recommendations, appropriate age level and reading level books. There is an extensive process that has been shared with Mrs. English via email.
- Deanna Slamans - Is there a process by which parents can help librarians screen books for content? Dr. Winslow indicated that this is not possible, however parents may certainly make recommendations that the Librarians would vet for addition to our collection.

Dr. Winslow thanked all in attendance and ended the session at 5:45 pm.