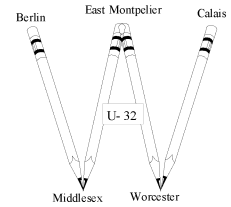


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WCUUSD Quality Committee Minutes - Approved 4.1.20 6:15 - 7:15 pm

Via Video Conference

1. Called to Order at 6:15 p.m. In attendance: Marylynne Strachan, Diane Nichols-Fleming, Jill Olson, Kari Bradley, Flor Diaz Smith, Mia Smith, Jaiel Pulskamp, Kelly Bushey and Jen Miller-Arsenault. Steven Looke, Scott Thompson, Alicia Lyford, Jody Parker, Corrine Stridsberg, David Lawrence, and Debra Taylor.
2. Election of Chair - Flor Diaz Smith nominated Kari Bradley. There were no other nominations. All members voted unanimously and elected Kari Bradley as chair.
 1. Discussion
 - 3.1 Update on CIP Process - Debra Taylor asked Jen Miller-Arsenault to give an overview. Kari asked to discuss a draft charge after. Jen Miller-Arsenault explained how the Continuous Improvement Process (CIP) brought teams together to create a Theory of Action and Implementation Plan and goals for 2016-2021. This plan informed and focused the work of the supervisory and districts and included clear learning targets, high quality instruction/intervention and comprehensive and balanced assessment. The 5-year implementation plan spanned the transition from NCLB to ESSA. The state worked on compliance and identified schools in need of support. Doty was identified for student achievement scores and a comprehensive needs assessment. In building an implementation plan for Doty, the group embraced the opportunity to engage in the CIP process for all schools and asked the AOE to facilitate the work. A team was formed with members from the school board, community, teachers, and administrators. This group made a district-wide plan with school specific goals. They first met before February break and 50 people looked at data across schools with a broad area of focus. The team asked what were the drivers, or root causes of the disparities. They looked at achievement gaps and equity. Due to school closure, the March 26th meeting did not take place. Jen Miller-Arsenault will reschedule with the

AOE. The comprehensive needs assessment has taken a back burner due to the current situation with school closure. The group will make a new timeline. New guidelines from AOE said the current CIP can hold for now. Flor Diaz Smith said it was great to see so much parent involvement. Kari Bradley asked for a timeline. Jen Miller-Arsenault said the CIP will serve as compliance for us and she and Kelly Bushey will work on the document. Jen Miller-Arsenault concluded that the CIP is sufficient now, but it is time to reexamine for the whole school community.

- 3.2 Overview of Student Achievement Data - Jen Miller-Arsenault thanked Michelle Ksepka, data manager for the district, for her work. Jen Miller-Arsenault first shared data on the poverty rate by school. Next, she shared literacy data by school using data from SBAC, Star 360, BAS, and report card data. She stressed the need for multiple sources of data. Diane Nichols-Fleming asked for state information. Jen Miller-Arsenault will provide at the next meeting. Jen Miller-Arsenault shared math data including SBAC, Star 360, Pre-ACT, and report card data. Jill Olsen asked how data differed by grade. The slide showed achievement gaps in the district with performance data on students receiving free and reduced lunch and students with IEPs and specialized instruction. Scott Thompson asked the proportion of F&R lunch to IEP. Jen Miller-Arsenault will bring this answer to the next meeting. Kari Bradley asked if it was statistically significant. Jen Miller-Arsenault said it was. The data on elementary math proficiency using SBAC, Star 360, and report card data, showed a variation in scores. Math data from U-32 had similar measures but added pre-ACT and PSAT for the first time. Jen Miller-Arsenault said conversations were happening in math about outcomes and gaps for students coming in from elementary school, and what changes were needed to make it so the report card data and SBAC scores are in alignment. Principals were working on the discrepancies between science and global studies at different schools. Mia Smith asked if it was expectations for courses by grade. Jen Miller-Arsenault confirmed. Four year graduation rate data was shared with official numbers from the state, including number of graduates, how many students attended college, type of college, SAT scores, ACT scores for 2 and 4 year and VT average. Jen Miller-Arsenault shared school climate information through behavior data across schools. Finally, the CIP team wanted information on special ed data, and child count trends as of January including category of eligibility, disability and number. Kelly Bushey said the district has seen significant growth of several disability categories.

Charge of the group: Kari Bradley shared the approach of the former committee. Initially formed to create student learning outcomes. Took three years to create. Proficiencies came into play. Linking connection with SLO and proficiencies. Last few years, focus was on helping the board to understand current performance trends and see how to support significant improvement. The group asked staff to develop goals in math and literacy. The committee agreed and monitored these goals.

Debra Taylor stated that Kari Bradley asked for a timeline for the report. She expects it by the end of school. Debra said the committee will meet monthly on the 1st Wednesday in May, June and the coming year. Jill Olsen asked about the shutdown and distance learning. Kari Bradley asked to look at more data, the change over time and information about remote learning.

Jen Miller-Arsenault said she was deeply aware that inequities were heightened and more pronounced from the shut down including family support, access to the internet, devices, and help.

4. Future Agenda Items - State Literacy data. Free and reduced lunch and IEP numbers. Grade level data. Graduation rate question.
5. Adjourned by consensus at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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