

Instructional Leadership Council

Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2023

Attendees: Julie Barker, Gina Brown, Angie Carpin, Dwayne Cerbone, Heather Clayton, Maribeth Curran, Kathy Curtis, Shana Cutaia, Colleen Emmons, Liesa Ehrlich, John Haldow, Sarah Jacob, Amanda Kirkebye, Matt Kwiatkowski, Sheila Lecce, Lenore McPherson, Kate Milne, Jodi Orman, Mark Puma, Teresa Roets, Tish Romas, Brian Shafer, Toni Stevens-Oliver, Melanie Ward, Elizabeth Woods, guest: Stephanie Barg

Chairperson: ASI Melanie Ward

Co-Chair: Julie Barker

Note Taker: Laurie Hummel

Approved Minutes are on the Pittsford School District ILC webpage and members can access in Microsoft Teams.

Agenda/Updates: Approved.

Minutes from February 2, 2023: Approved.

Connections between Next Generation Skills 2.0, SEL Benchmarks, CR-SE Instructional Strategies:

The committee worked in groups at February's meeting to fill in a grid. The ASI shared the updated grid/organizer of CR-SE instructional moves and how they pair with Next Generation Skills criteria.

The committee discussed plans for presenting this information to teachers.

Discussion points:

- The group reflected on items included and things that are missing from the organizer.
- How do we capture learning targets/Peer feedback?
- Package the information:
 - Include anchor documents
 - Use consistent language
 - Make it useful and meaningful to teachers
 - Add descriptive links to details, videos, embedded professional development
- Need a "one stop shop" to keep all the pieces easily accessed. Where would be the best place for teachers to find this information?
 - Committee brainstormed ideas
- October rollout.
- Professional development for understanding.

Re-Evaluation of Instructional Materials: The ASI shared the process used by PCSD in the event a parent or community member objects to any instructional materials including, but not limited to,

books housed in our libraries or used as part of our instruction.

Steps in the process:

- Discuss with building Teacher and/or Librarian if not satisfied...
- Discuss with Principal, if not satisfied...
- Request for Re-Evaluation of Instructional Materials form #8330F is requested, filled out, and submitted to the Superintendent.
- A committee, appointed by the Superintendent, reviews and evaluates the challenged material and submits a written report to the Superintendent.
- The Superintendent responds to the challengers with the decision. Challengers have the right to appeal to the Board of Education.
- Committee members: ASI, Building Principal, Standard Leaders, Library Media Specialist, Classroom Teacher (if appropriate), Parents (if appropriate), Students (if appropriate)

Math 4-6 Re-grouping: MCE Principal and Math Grouping Ad Hoc Committee chair shared updates:

- Students were surveyed to get a measure of how they feel about their math skills.
- The ad hoc committee used this data to inform recommendations based on the goal of strengthening how kids see themselves in relation to their learning, identity, self-confidence and motivation towards math.
- A draft document of the committee's recommendations in regards to math grouping for grades 4-6 was shared and revisions discussed with ILC members.

Constituent sharing/News: ILC members share feedback/updates from their constituent groups regarding work related to ILC goals as well as any other news as a quick roundtable.

- Special Education: It is 'Spread the Word Inclusion' week so buildings will see a variety of ways that students are supporting this message. Specifically, the Interact and Best Buddies clubs at the high schools are collecting signatures from students and promoting the message of inclusion.
- SHS is doing open community circles that have been well attended and beneficial. The SHS psychologist intern has created a PowerPoint about Community Circles and implementation that she is willing to share.
SHS: Sources of Strength visited P.E. classes, presenting a workshop about mentors and trusted adults.
- CRMS held a Pep Rally as a spirit week event before February break. Student Council sponsored the annual Jar Wars competition to raise funds donated to Golisano Children's Hospital. Staff and faculty dressed like the 80's recently for random themed days.
- CRMS: The Behavioral Specialist did a training for English teachers that focused on supporting students with anxiety/fear of public speaking.
- ACE: Student Council set up a calendar with an act of kindness for each day. Student created

posters with inspirational and positive messages hang in the hallways.

ACE PTSA granted each teacher and the librarian funds to spend with Scholastic through the book fair.

- MCE had their International Day. This event brings cultural experiences to our students.
- TRE is excited for Grade Level Release and planning to learn more about "The Science of Reading."

The gentlemen at TRE put on a breakfast on Valentine's Day continuing to build community among staff.

- Secondary Standards is planning for the afternoon session on Superintendent's Day.
- Elementary Standards: March Release Days will focus on the Science of Reading. K-5 teachers will study the research around the major shifts to bring the Science of Reading into the balanced literacy classroom. Additional professional development will follow in summer 2023 and beyond.
- Secondary PTSAs had a joint meeting with guest speaker, Professor of Psychology at the University of Rochester, Dr. Christopher Niemiec to share his expertise on autonomy, self-determination, and motivation.

Next meeting: March 30, 2023