

Finance, Facilities, Technology Committee

Minutes

July 12. 2021

4:30 pm

Board Members:

Johanna Wright – Finance Chair

Thair Joshua

Shannon Cuttle

Annamarie Maini

Administration

Dr. Ronald Taylor, Superintendent

Andrea Del Guercio, Acting Business Administrator

Keith Bonds, Technology Director

Matthew Friedman, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction

Discussion Items:

- **Professional Development Contracts – C&I/Special Services**

Dr, Friedman spoke to the committee about the following professional development contract that were previously discussed in the Curriculum & Instruction committee meeting:

- **Equal Opportunity Schools** [Equal Opportunity Schools](#)
 - **The mission** of EOS is to ensure that students of color and low-income students have equitable access to America's most academically intense high school programs and succeed at the highest levels.
- **McREL International** -[McRel - Administrator Evaluation Tool Presentation for SOMSD](#)
 - McREL will work with a cohort of administrators in a phased implementation (pilot) of the administrator evaluation system. Professional learning will prepare this group to develop a shared understanding and common language to implement the Balanced Leadership Principal Evaluation System.
- **SeeSaw** [SeeSaw Presentation - Dr. Bean-Folkes SeeSaw Contract](#)
 - **Save time with premium tools for teachers**

- **More robust creative tools**, including Multipage, unlock new ways for students to demonstrate learning without a bunch of different apps.
 - **Make prep more efficient.** Schedule Seesaw activities, and save an unlimited number of activities in up to 100 collections.
 - **Family Engagement is even easier.** Families only sign up once and stay connected across classes and grade levels.
- **Increase collaboration**
 - **Connect more co-teachers and specialists** to each Seesaw class. It takes a village!
 - **Get ideas** and share activities with colleagues in your personal School or District Activity Library.
 - **Send Private Notes** to highlight student progress and gaps, and use Private Folders to organize student work for your eyes only.
- **Streamline assessment, and more**
 - **Align posts and activities** with your curriculum & show student growth on standards with “Seesaw Skills” - all as part of your existing Seesaw workflow.
 - **Portfolios follow students year to year**, creating a continuous record of their learning journey that is easily accessible to teachers, families, and students throughout their school career.
 - **Automated setup** means you never have to create classes, add students, or archive data again.
- **Danielson Training** [Danielson Contract](#)
 - Professional Development for all SOMSD staff on August 31st and September 1st.
 - Ensure that all staff members are trained in the evaluation tool
 - All components will be used in the 2021-2022 school year
- **Fiedeldey Consulting** [Fiedeldey Consulting 3 year plan](#)
 - **Professional Development - Mental Health**
 - **Year 1 Plan**
 - A Trauma informed framework to proactively address mental health
 - QPR Suicide Gatekeeper Training for Certified and Non-Certified Staff
 - Promoting Social Emotional Healing and Positive Mental Health through Listening Circles

- Child Abuse Training for non-certificated staff
 - Universal Screening Mental Health Screening Overview for Crisis Team & Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Training:
 - Universal Mental Health Screening Overview for Families
 - Special Disabilities: What They Are/How to Deal for non-certificated staff
- **Institute for Multi-Sensory Education [Orton-Gillingham Training](#)**
 - **Professional Development for - Pull Out Replacement, Self Contained and Evidence Based Reading Teachers**
 - After participating in this training, teachers will be better able to assess, evaluate and teach children how to read, write, and spell proficiently.
 - **Teachers will receive training with respect to:**
 - Phonemic awareness
 - Multi-sensory strategies for reading, writing, and spelling
 - Syllabication patterns for encoding / decoding
 - Reciprocal Teaching for reading comprehension
 - Multi-sensory techniques for sight words
 - Student assessment techniques
 - Guidelines for weekly lesson plans
- Construction Update
 - The bid for the South Mountain ES & South Mountain Annex construction project is scheduled to be opened on August 17, 2021.
- Transportation
 - There will be a resolution presented regarding transportation for ELL students for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Technology/E-Rate
 - There is a potential for the district to receive reimbursement from the E-Rate program. We need to determine what to apply for.
- Login Security/Email Security
 - The district should consider the need to move to multi-level security for email login.
- Auditorium Inspections
 - We will have the inspections completed so we know the items to anticipate to be addressed.
- Information Security Audit
 - We are in the process of reviewing the proposals & finalizing the details.
- Audit – Software
 - The list be being finalized & will be shared in the future.
- Security
 - Boardmember Wright asked about hiring someone to coordinate the security needs of the district. It was mentioned the need for a security audit.

- New Business
 - The Business Office will be getting a new copier
 - The district will be submitting applications for IDEA & ESEA grants
 - Boardmember Cuttle asked about summer food service for students attending summer school. We will look into options the district has regarding this.
 - Boardmember Cuttle asked about internet service (hotspots) for families in need.