

Jan SCN Meeting Minutes

Jan. 21, 2025 at 11:30 am

Introductions

Superintendent's Report-

- PAWSitive Impact: appreciation program recognizing staff who live out our mission to educate, empower, and inspire lifelong learners. Does not have to be teachers. Can be nutrition workers, bus drivers, etc. Will create a dedicated webpage to winners and show clips of presenting awards.
- 2025-26 Calendar (proposed). Public hearing set for Jan. 27, 2025 at 7 pm during the Board of Ed's regular meeting. Aug. 25 start date and June 2 for last day. Seniors last day is May 22, 2026. 1,108 hours (State law requires minimum of 1,080 hours). 193 contract days for teachers. New: full two-week winter break. Going by hours gives the District more flexibility if there are late starts, snow days, etc.
- Diving into core values (what we are living our): Meaningful, Collaborative Relationships. We foster authentic relationships, collaborations, and partnerships with students, families, staff, and community. We hold all relationships in high regard, including adult to adult; adult to student; and student to student.

Movie Licensing-

- Swank Movie Licensing. Covers most movies we play in classrooms or for special events. Covers movie shown indoor and outdoor. Has to be held on District property and not open to the community.

Iowa School Performance Profile (Mike Sherman)-

- Summary of Accountability System updates: addition of English learners two yrs after exiting. Incorporation of the 5yr graduation rate. Inclusion of chronic absenteeism indicator. Changes to postsecondary readiness indicator.
- Less than 2% (1.25%) of school districts fall into the exceptional school rating. 12.4% are high performing, 32.14% commendable, 21.61% acceptable, 17.86% needs improvement, 14.51% priority.
- Some schools are rated lower but have higher schools.
- Southwoods needs improvement, Western Hills Acceptable, Hillside Needs improvement, Crestview needs improvement, Fairmeadows acceptable, Walnut Creek priority, VHS priority, Clive commendable, Crossroads high performing, Indian Hills commendable, Jordan Creek high performing, Stilwell commendable, Westridge high performing
- ESSA accountability index (elementary/jr. highs) is based on proficiency, growth, and chronic absenteeism. Total score is 700.
- ESSA accountability index (VHS/WC)- total score is 900. Based on proficiency, growth, chronic absenteeism, graduation rate, and postsecondary readiness.

- ESSA requires states to support a school-level data review based on measures included in the accountability index. All schools identified in need of Comprehensive or Targeted Support are required to complete a data review in the first year of designation. Our district has all schools do this regardless if they are identified or not.
 - Data review (ISPP data), resource review (address any resources inequities when action planning), SAMI (strengths & challenges in current NTSS implementation), Action planning.
- Schools add up minutes to equal days to count absences.

Collaborations-

- Feb. 15 if WDMCS Foundation Gala. Parent groups can still create a centerpiece
- Transition Meeting tonight for junior high and high school (email was sent to GT parents and families that are close)

Next Meetings: February 18, April 15, May 20.