

Meeting Minutes – WMS School Improvement Team

Location: Westerly Middle School Library

Date: 02/25/2025

Time: 4:30pm

Attendance

- Calvin Hill, Faith MacDonald, Bobby Troupe, Suzanne Machinski, Desiree Derix (Principal)
- Notes were recorded by SM

Review of Vision Statement

Agenda Items

1. Review of Norms and Vision Statement/ Desiree Derix

2. Follow Ups

- a. Math/ALEKS- several teachers are making ALEKS leaderboards. End of unit assessments are showing some growth. Upcoming RICAS and AIMSWEB testing scores ideally to reflect improvements.
- b. Book Club- participation in the book club will hopefully bring vertical articulation and an opportunity to “make thinking visible”
- c. Trainings/Professional Development-
 - i. The February snow day was supposed to be training for language strategies. This has been moved to April on the early release day.
 - ii. Jessica Minahan has been coaching on behavior, building relationships, and case study processes to help students.
 - iii. ELA Training with Schoolkit module and unit overviews is needed to provide feedback

Discussion Points

1. Mr. Hill Discussed the need for diversity in the school and police force personnel.
2. Choices that are currently available to students for specials
3. Student participation in grade level meetings and student council
4. Discussion about the new science curriculum including
 - More discussions
 - More illustrations

- How to assess
- Management

5. Scheduling Committee

- Next meeting will take place tomorrow morning (Wed., Feb. 26th)
- Emphasis will be placed on prioritizing time for the curriculum

Action Items

1. Selection of next meeting date: March 18th, 2025 at 6:00pm
2. Presentation at next meeting by Superintendent (Dr. Mark Garceau) and Assistant Superintendent (Steve Morrone) regarding retention policy
3. Weekly newsletters via Powerschool
- 4.

Other Notes