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Student Performance and Achievement (SPA) Board Committee Meeting Minutes for April 2, 2025

Board of Education member present: Judy Westra

District staff present: Dr. Monica Merritt, Superintendent; Beth Rayl, Chief Academic and Innovation Officer; Kevin Karr, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, and Professional Development; Anthony Ruela, Executive Director of Middle School Education and PreK-12 Student Support Systems; Jonathan Flukes, Director of Data, Assessment, Research, and Evaluation; Kim Villarosa, Principal of Salem High School; Greg Anglin, Principal of Plymouth High School; David Reed-Nordwall, Principal of Canton High School; Dr. Chrystelle Rasolonjatovo, K-12 Science, STEM, Health, and PE Curriculum Coordinator; Leesa Kulczycki, West Middle School Nurse; and Susan Provenzano, Executive Assistant to the Chief Academic and Innovation Officer

Citizen representatives present: Rebeka Fergusson-Lutz, Megan Rutkowski, and Lakshmi Swaminathan

Student Voice in Action representative present: Hudson Lloyd

Others present: John Johnston, community member

Committee Chair Judy Westra called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

A. Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes from the March 5, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved.

B. Public Comments: John Johnston, community member, offered congratulations on 22 National Merit Finalists

C. Presentations/Discussions

   A. **Middle School Program Highlights: *Middle School Common Grading Framework*:** Anthony Ruela, Executive Director of Middle School Education and PreK-12 Student Support Systems, shared a presentation focused on the positive outcomes of common grading at the middle school level as demonstrated by a four-year review of grade distribution improvement. The SPA committee members discussed the results and provided feedback on the presentation, which will be shared at the Board of Education meeting on April 8, 2025.

   B. **High School Program Highlights: *Focus on Sense of Belonging and Impact on Credit Attainment Coaching*:** Kim Villarosa, Principal of Salem High School; Greg Anglin, Principal of Plymouth High School; and David Reed-Nordwall, Principal of Canton High School shared a presentation focused on the positive

outcomes of a sense of belonging and the impact on credit attainment as demonstrated by survey results and course passing rates. The SPA committee members discussed the results and provided feedback on the presentation, which will be shared at the Board of Education meeting on April 22, 2025.

C. **5th Grade Maturation HIV Lesson Materials Update:** Kevin Karr, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, and Professional Development, Dr. Chrystelle Rasolonjatovo, K-12 Science, STEM, Health, and PE Curriculum Coordinator; and Leesa Kulczycki, West Middle School Nurse shared an update of the HIV video that will be used to teach the HIV lesson as required by the state of Michigan (MCL 380.1169). The team recommends adopting *HIV & Me: Marissa's Story (Redefine Positive)* along with an updated slideshow presentation, which aligns with the Michigan Health Education Standards and the P-CCS Learner Profile. Implementation would be for the 2025-2026 school year and beyond. The cost of the video is $0. The SPA committee members discussed the update and provided feedback on the presentation, which will be shared at the Board of Education meeting on April 22, 2025.

D. **Out-of-country Field Trip:** The committee reviewed one out-of-country field trip and approved moving it to the full Board of Education meeting for final approval on April 8, 2025.

Board member Judy Westra called for an adjournment at 6:20 p.m., and the meeting adjourned at that time.