Community Advisory Board

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Members Present: Chavarria, Fox, Hampton, Wood, Deputy Superintendent Burton (sitting in for Superintendent Poore)

I. Celebrations
   a. Hall High chosen by ADE as a School of Innovation
   b. Graduations ($24 Million in scholarships awarded)
   c. Lemonade Wars completed
   d. Congratulations to retiring employees were offered. A retirement celebration was held at St. Mark in honor of retirees.
   e. Appointments
      i. Carver – Clifton Woodley
      ii. Jefferson – Sandra Register
      iii. McClellan – Patricia Brunson

II. State Board Report
   a. Hall High Progress Report was discussed.
      i. Areas of Success
         1. Drop in disciplinary referrals
         2. School of Innovation
      ii. Areas Needing Improvement
         1. Credit Recovery
         2. Attendance
      iii. Next Steps
         1. School of Innovation implementation
         2. Block Schedule
         3. AVID
         4. Elevation Education
         5. Step Up to Writing
   b. Cloverdale Middle School Progress Report was discussed.
      i. Areas of Success
         1. Excellent leadership team
         2. Good collaboration
         3. ACT Interim scores improved overall except 8th grade math
         4. Started 4 new ELD classes for students who speak little/no English
         5. Monthly support to teachers for ESOL strategies
      ii. Areas Needing Improvement
         1. Discipline Referrals increased
         2. Student absences increased significantly
3. Teacher absences increased significantly

iii. Next Steps
1. City Year working with student focus groups
2. Teacher Interventions and Incentives for attendance
   a. Working with CIC
3. Reduce Discipline Referrals
   a. Utilizing student leadership team
4. Work on improving instruction
5. Target tardies
6. Focus on lesson planning – target student engagement
7. High Visibility - Monitor hallways, restrooms
8. Curriculum for ELL/ELD
9. Implement co-teaching model
10. Conduct a pilot loop (teacher continues next grade level with students)

iv. Questions/Discussion
1. Advantages and disadvantages of looping
2. Discipline referral effects
3. Leadership team efficacy
4. Data trends
5. Teacher attendance factors
   a. New state reporting system will give a more accurate picture of “true” absences
   b. Teacher polls; constant reinforcement
   c. Administration and teacher turnover

c. Henderson Middle School Progress Report discussed.
   i. Areas of Success
1. Improvement of ACT Aspire scores
2. Overall school culture has improved significantly
3. Reporting tardies
4. Discipline referrals increased but at a slower rate than previous year
5. Teacher attendance has improved.
   a. CIC and teaming meetings

ii. Areas Needing Improvement
1. Student achievement in math and English
   a. High number of D’s or F’s on Unit Tests

iii. Next Steps
1. Reducing discipline referrals
   a. St. Mark Baptist Tutoring program partnership
   b. Student committee and CIC input
2. Odyssey Ware utilization
3. Continue parental participation
4. Read180 and System 44 expansion  
5. Math 180 expansion  

iv. Questions/Discussion  
1. Energizing schools throughout the school year  
2. Effects of out-of-school suspension and discipline policies on student attendance and climate  
3. Interpreting scores  

III. Policy Revisions – Eric Walker  
a. Progress toward updating LRSD Board Policy  
b. Using AR School Board Association (ASBA) model policies as a framework  
c. Comparisons of current policy vs. ASBA model policy  
d. Questions/Discussion  
   i. Past discussion or attempts to adopt ASBA model policy  
   ii. Approval policy once completed  
   iii. Adoption of ASBA policy and adoption of amendments for items unique to LRSD  

IV. 2017 Legislative Sessions  
a. AAEA Bill Tracker discussed  
b. Questions/Discussion  
   i. Online instruction for inclement weather days  

V. Personnel Hearings – Jordan Eason  
a. Teachers at Carver and Franklin did not receive non-renewal letters; they are considered “displaced.”  
b. Non-renewal certified receive letters May 1 (postmark deadline)  
c. There could be more depending on suspensions and termination recommendations  
d. Possibility of holding single meeting for non-renewals  

VI. Monthly Meeting Schedule  
a. Possibility of moving CAB monthly meeting from same day as State Board meeting  
b. Mr. Wood recommended meeting on the Thursday of each month  
c. The item will be tabled until next meeting after discussion with Mr. Poore.  

VII. Public Comments  
a. There were no public comments.  

VIII. Other  
a. Condolences offered to the Lacey family