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District-wide Educational Improvement Council (DWEIC) Minutes of the October 29, 2012 Meeting Duken Conference Room – 3:15 p.m.

Present: Gilles Fortin (Momot Principal), Glenn Hurlock (PHS Principal), Mary Lou LaRocque-Megarr (Teachers' Association President), Thomas Via (Teachers' Association Vice President), Kathy Meyer (SMS Teacher), Kevin Champagne (PHS Teacher), Lori Schudde (CSEA), Danielle Seem (SMS Parent), Margarita Garcia-Notario, (PHS Parent), James Short (Superintendent of Schools), and Dawn Stetz (Recorder).

Absent: Patricia Amo (SMS Principal), Mary Fortin (Momot Teacher), Rebecca Coryea (Bailey Parent), Jessica Mitchell-Briehl (Momot Parent), Karolyn Micheels (Oak Street Parent), Clay Morris (Board of Education) and Steve Krieg (Board of Education).

Minutes: The meeting started at 3:20 p.m. and the committee reviewed the September 24, 2012 minutes.

Facilitator Selection and Committee Membership: Mr. Short introduced Margarita Garcia-Notario as the SMS/PHS parent representative. Mr. Short reviewed membership updates announcing Lori Schudde will be this year's facilitator.

SIP Goals: Bailey, Momot, SMS and PHS goals were shared with the committee. Discussion took place on using list serves as a way to communicate with parents. Mrs. LaRocque-Megarr referred to the professional development model used by Marlboro which she feels would be a more feasible way for the District to provide professional development needs. Mrs. Meyers also mentioned there are many good videos/articles available online. She also stated if the District had a person to coordinate that information, they could provide to personnel. Mr. Fortin commented that he would like to give teachers time during the day to work on their learning plans/evaluations. Discussion took place as to the efficiency of using the computer verses paper. If teachers were to continue using paper, they would not be able to see their growth.

At 4:08 p.m., Mrs. Meyers was excused.

SIP Refresher Training: Superintendent Short asked for feedback from the committee. He commented the purpose of the training would mean for the buildings to receive training as in order to keep SIP teams on track/to know their purpose. Superintendent Short also mentioned the initial person, Art Momot they wanted to do the training is not available – he is out of town. Mrs. LaRocque-Megarr is worried if we wait any longer the effectiveness of the teams will be lost. She feels we need a facilitator to translate the results of the TEL Surveys. Mr. Via suggested we put it off until the beginning of next year. He feels if we start planning now for next year, that will allow personnel to focus more on APPR this year. The committee discussed the concept of using someone within the District to conduct the training. The committee agreed to start the refresher training in the spring.

Computer-Based Instruction: Mr. Hurlock stated he met with Rod Sherman and Superintendent Short about computer-based instruction taking place at the high school. He commented how this would prepare students for when they go to college and have to take on-line courses, which will increase their chances of passing/doing well in the course. There are two ways – students take it at home with no teacher or the mix model where the students take the course during school with a teacher in the room. Mr. Hurlock stated the latter model is more ideal. He mentioned another good reason to do this is because of the cuts the high school has endured. One

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other option is FLIP Lessons which allows the teachers to record themselves teaching a 45-minute lesson and the students homework is to go online and watch the teacher teach the lessons. Clinton Community College (CCC) has approached CAP teachers stating they will assist so kids can be provided online classes. Another model is the consortium model where the teacher teaches the course online which would allow 20 students to take any course. Other models were discussed and it was agreed by the committee to put this on the agenda for the November meeting for further discussion.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Items to be listed on the next agenda are: Computer-Based Instruction and District Public Forums.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

..... **2012/2013 Meeting Dates**

(3:15 p.m. on the last Monday of the month except* when school is not in session)

~~September 24, 2012~~
October 29, 2012
November 26, 2012
December 17, 2012*
January 28, 2013

February 25, 2013
March 25, 2013
April 29, 2013
May 20, 2013*
June 17, 2013*

