

Learning Environments and Partnerships (LEAP)

Minutes – Tuesday, April 11, 2017

“The charge of this committee is to provide guidance and recommendations to the School Board, relating to its role as authorizer of current and future ECASD Charter/Choice Schools. This will encourage innovation that could increase our ability to provide diverse programming and methodologies. Through this investigation and advisement, the committee can support the increase in student readiness for and success in ECASD programming and post-secondary options.”

Meeting Recorder: Sandy LaValley

Committee Norms: Honest and open dialogue

Committee Members Present and Position	
Derick Black, Secondary	Joel Dimock, Secondary
Kristen Gundry, CV Montessori Charter Board	Chris Hambuch-Boyle, BOE & Chair
Gail Halmstad, Ad Hoc Member	Aaron Harder, BOE
Jeremy Harrison, CV Montessori Charter	Todd Johnson, CV Montessori/Co-Chair
Mike Kohls, McKinley Charter Board	Tim Leibham, Administration
Michelle Radtke, Director of Assessment	Katherine Rhoades, Community Member
Pete Riley, McKinley Head of Instruction/Co-Chair	

Absent: Melissa Greer

1. Flexibility of Meeting Agenda/Approve March Minutes

Motion by Katherine Rhoades, seconded by Aaron Harder to allow flexibility with the April meeting agenda. Motion by Aaron Harder to approve the March 14, 2017 minutes, seconded by Joel Dimock. Motions carried.

2. 2017-18 Budget

The Executive Director of Administration Budget will include IZ memberships and professional development. There is an IZ Conference July 12-14, 2017, in Florida. Other ECASD staff have been approved to attend national conferences. Tim Leibham asked for LEAP committee support and approval to send Andy Brown to this conference. Chris Hambuch-Boyle motioned, seconded by Katherine Rhoades, to approve and cover conference expenses for Andy Brown including registration, hotel, airfare and meals. Motion carried. The expectation is that Andy Brown will share his conference experience with the LEAP Committee and other instructors.

Tim Leibham shared CESA 1 offers membership for Personalized Learning (\$1500) that provides support and access via webinars, etc. to further their progress. The committee talked about marketing the IZ work we are doing in the school district. The executive team members were asked to identify efforts for the upcoming school year; Tim will offer publicity to increase the visibility and awareness of LEAP.

3. Dimensions of Learning Update

Michelle Radtke shared the DOL group met to refine some of the definitions and looked at the learning targets of each area with intentions of keeping it to four per dimension. Todd Johnson compared this to 21st Century learning skills and the independent learner and asked about adding perseverance. Tim Leibham shared the group researched 19 different whole child frameworks and this is the outcome. Jeremy Harrison felt it was important to have the language, I can, in the classroom.

The committee members discussed project based learning. Aaron Harder asked if engagement should be included. It could become part of the foundational knowledge on the Dimensions of Learning. Independent Learner could be intertwined with engagement. It was suggested to formulate this document in Google Docs allowing for adding comments. Tim Leibham would like to present this to the executive team and hopefully receive feedback from principals, families and students. Kristen Gundry asked if the word “standards” needs to be in there and maybe, idea of engagement, in the title. Aaron Harder asked if this is a replacement for a whole child definition in our district. Michelle Radtke stated whatever we decide to go with is more about the child and what we want them to be able to do as an adult. Michelle Radtke will bring this back to the DOL group with the suggestions offered by the committee.

4. Roosevelt Grade 4 Imagination Narrative

Some of the committee members shared it felt like this proposal was attempting to get away from the master elementary schedule. It seemed to lack substance and innovation. The staff plans to tour/view a project based learning classroom in River Falls. Tim Leibham will connect with them after their visit.

5. LEAP Rules

Todd Johnson, Pete Riley, Chris Hambuch-Boyle and Tim Leibham met to discuss LEAP Committee Rules, which are the committee’s operational framework. This would be 332 Rule.

6. Demo/Trends/Facilities Connection

Tim Leibham shared the Demographic & Trends Committee has been discussing balancing enrollments between the two high schools and that LEAP might have a role in helping with this. The Demo Committee is proposing that all of Sherman and Roosevelt’s attendance area feed North High School. With an IZ, the district could combine those two attendance areas with Roosevelt renovated to be a lab school and families could choose between Roosevelt or the conventional program at Sherman. Gail Halmstad shared Brillion’s STEM program that starts at the elementary level going through high school. Could this happen in our district at Sam Davey>Northstar>North? Chris Hambuch-Boyle shared the opportunity to attend an Open House at Cardinal Manufacturing at Eleva-Strum High School on May 3 from 4 – 9 pm. A few committee members were interested in attending. She will email the link to committee members.

7. Updating of IZ Performance Agreements

The Arctic Zone/Northstar plans to present to the Board at an upcoming meeting in May or June.

8. Race to Nowhere Closure

Tim Leibham shared there may be an opportunity to show this to secondary counselors.

9. Sharing of Articles

This item will be discussed at the May 9 meeting.

10. Other - Adjournment

Todd Johnson is unable to attend the ISN National Conference. Kristen Gundry is interested in attending one day.

Motion made by Katherine Rhoades to adjourn, seconded by Jeremy Harrison. Motion carried; the meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm. The next LEAP Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at 4:00 pm in Room 137, 500 Main Street, Eau Claire.