

Meeting: LEAP Committee

Date: February 9, 2021

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Webex

Voting Committee Members: 10 active voting members (12 voting seats)

<input type="checkbox"/> Amy Al-Hashlamoun (ARCTIC Zone)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bradley Candell (Acres for Joy)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Petersen (Acres for Joy)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mackenzie Gabler (Documentary Theater)	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/> Nichole Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crystal Ruzicka	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breana Stanley (ARCTIC Zone)	*Committee Chair
<input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Greer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> True Vang	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pete Riley*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Schmitt**	** District Resource Member/Non-Voting

Guest(s):

Notes: Jenna Mattice

The regular meeting of Learning Environments and Partnerships (LEAP) was called to order at 4:05pm

- **Public Comment – Pete Riley**
 - There is no public comment.
- **Approval of January Minutes –Melissa Greer**
 - Motion to approve the minutes by Brad Candell. Motion seconded by True Vang. Motion passes.
- **Innovation video progress**
 - Working on interviews with staff members and Jeff Thompson. Jim will follow up. Interviews from Elementary, middle school, and High school.
- **Update on Documentary Theater (Memorial)**
 - Met to discuss the history and accomplishments of Documentary Theater.
 - Walked through the process of current conditions, obstacles, targets, gap goals, and vision. Working on action steps.
 - Possibilities of running the program for both schools out of Memorial with current technology.
- **Update on Acres for Joy**
 - McKinley, DeLong, and Northstar have joined the program since our last meeting. Pete reports that it has been an extremely engaging experience.
 - Teachers are talking about student engagement in a more wholistic way, not just at the ranch, after students join the Acres for Joy program.
 - Ambassadors report change in student attitude towards school and one another. There is a hope from ambassadors to visit again soon.
 - Discussed the time that students spend. In a normal year, students miss two periods of school, this year they spend about 45 minutes at the ranch.
 - LEAP will work to get this into a proposal agreement to institutionalize this experience long-term. A team will work over the next few weeks to talk with principals and request a proposal to the school

board. Will discuss the Success Coach/intervention position during staffing. A Success Coach monitors data, progress reports, grades, office referrals.

- Process: Draft LEAP Zone proposal, pulling principals together for endorsement, connect to School Improvement Teams, present to the Board of Education.

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- **Update on ARCTIC Zone**

- Update from Breana from Jan. 27 meeting: Spoke about promotion of the ARCTIC Zone, Social media, and film festival.
- Sent out a questionnaire to the staff at Northstar. 38 staff members responded.
- Standard-based grading is up and running. Working on calculating final grades. Discussed how innovative ideas become a reality. The team meets again on February 24.
- Starting to work on the performance agreement.
- Recruitment process for ARCTIC Zone: The video and the brochure. Several families have expressed that they watched the video and it raised interest. There is a lottery after applying for the program. The school felt that families were much more informed when coming into the program than they have been in the past.
- Is there outreach to 5th grade families? Jim will talk with Andy and Ali about what this looks like.

- **Suggested Future Agenda Items**

- Approval of February Minutes
- Innovation video progress
- Update on Documentary Theater
- Update on Acres for Joy (board presentation)
- Update on ARCTIC Zone
- Budget process

Motion to adjourn by Amy. Second by Crystal. The meeting ended at 4:57pm.