

Learning Environments and Partnerships (LEAP)

Minutes – Tuesday, July 19, 2016

“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 & Position

Tracy Bush, Ad Hoc Member

Chris Hambuch-Boyle, BOE & Chair

Gail Halmstad, Ad Hoc Member

Jeremy Harrison, CV Montessori

Todd Johnson, CVM Principal/Co-Chair

Mike Kohls, McKinley Board

Tim Leibham, Administration

Pete Riley, McKinley Head of Instruction/
Co-Chair

Absent: Derick Black, Doug Diermeier. Melissa Greer and Rich Spindler

1. Davey IZ Proposal Update: Board Presentation July 18, 2016

Tim Leibham reported Bill Giese and the Sam Davey team did a great job presenting their IZ Proposal to the Board of Education (BOE) on July 18. The Parent Survey shared at the same board meeting reflected parents want more challenging and rigorous school programming. The previous Student Survey showed students seek more relevance of classroom instruction. This validates what the LEAP committee is doing! The BOE will give final approval on August 1, 2016.

2. Committee Policy and Membership Structure

Board Policy 332, Charter/Choice Programming Committee, will be revised with the committee’s new name, Learning Environments and Partnerships (LEAP). The group compared current committee membership with what is stated in Policy 332 to determine if additional members are needed. This policy also states the Executive Director of Administration will serve as the liaison, which is inconsistent with recently revised Board Policy 185, Board Committees that states, “This Committee shall include two Board members and others as determined by the Board of Education, the Committee and the Superintendent.” Chris Hambuch Boyle will clarify this at the next Policy and Governance committee meeting and will suggest pulling the committee structure out of the policy and establishing a rule.

The committee discussed the purpose and structure of the committee noting that as more proposals are submitted, the need for an Ad-Hoc committee to review the first two steps would be beneficial. At least one member of the core committee should serve on

any Ad-Hoc committee. It was recommended to have two non-charter principals serve on the committee. The core committee will determine if a proposal will proceed to the BOE.

LEAP Committee > Physical and Virtual

Purpose > Membership > Structure

Purposes:

- Empower teachers/Autonomy (Policy)
- Create and protect space/separate and independent
- Accountable to BOE/community/IZ > IZ /reviews then inform the board yearly
- Develop and implement IZ processes
- Inform and partner w/community and businesses
- PR of effort > Contact person/Tim/BOE
- Organizational contacts/partnerships > ISN and ABS
- Professional Development for staff
- Coordinate and interpret current and future IZ efforts
- Identify what roles we might need for Ad Hoc committee(s)

Rules: Membership

1. Develop IZ Proposal Process = Pete/Todd/Tim
2. Review Implemental steps 1 - Review Groups/Flexible - Partnership process
3. Policy
4. Agenda
5. Vision

Tim Leibham, Todd Johnson and Pete Riley will work on a new set of rules by September. If the committee looks to expand, should we use the District Update to draw people to a meeting. Should we have a sub-committee interested in developing community partnerships?

3. 2016-17 LEAP Meeting Dates

2016-17 LEAP meeting dates will held at the Administration Building, 500 Main Street, on the 2nd Tuesday of every month beginning at 4:30 pm:

August 9, 2016, September 13, 2016, October 11, 2016, November 8, 2016
December 13, 2016, January 10, 2017, February 14, 2017, March 14, 2017
April 11, 2017, May 9, 2017, June 13, 2017, July 18, 2017 (Retreat)

4. Proposal Update

Staff from South Middle School have submitted a proposal, Infinity Zone. Amber Dernbach, Memorial High School, has submitted a proposal, Documentary Theater. Tim Leibham stated a Hmong immersion program with UWEC might be forthcoming.

5. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.