

Learning Environments and Partnerships (LEAP)

Minutes – Tuesday, December 13, 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

Chris Hambuch-Boyle, BOE & Chair (attended by phone)

Melissa Greer, Elementary Teacher

Kristen Gundry, CV Montessori Board

Gail Halmstad, Ad Hoc Member

Aaron Harder, BOE

Jeremy Harrison, CV Montessori

Mike Kohls, McKinley Board

Tim Leibham, Administration

Michelle Radtke, Director of Assessment

Pete Riley, McKinley Head of Instruction/Co-Chair

Absent: Derek Black, Tracy Bush, Joel Dimock, and Todd Johnson

1. Review Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mike Kohls to accept the November 2016 Minutes, seconded by Aaron Harder.
Motion carried.

2. Various Updates

A. Possible Innovation Zone Proposals

Tim Leibham reported he has received interest in implementing a Hmong immersion program at Locust Lane Elementary. Jeremy Harrison shared there is an interest in partnering with the new owners of Smiling Moose Deli for high school students to job shadow the various positions in their business. Tim will follow-up with Jim Schmitt on this item.

B. In-Tech-Great Update

Tim Leibham met with Bill Giese, Sam Davey Principal, and staff on their progress. He reported implementation/planning time has been limited and staff tend to revert to the conventional program. Tim will meet with the Sam Davey staff again in January 2017.

C. ARTIC ZONE Board Presentation

This will expand to incoming 6th grade students (25 – 30) for the 2017-18 school year. It was suggested that the Northstar principal, Tim Skutley, and ARTIC Zone staff present to the Board

in January/February highlighting their progress. Tim Leibham has received positive feedback from students/families.

D. CESA 10/CVTC PD and Possible Breakout Session/PAC Presentation

Tim Leibham is working with CESA 10 on various IZ programming. He shared upcoming professional development/IZ opportunities:

January 6, 2017: Professional Advisory Committee held at CESA 10, Chippewa Falls

January 6, 2017: Superintendent Conference at Altoona Middle School

February 10, 2017: Regional Educational Outreach at CVTC entitled, Capitalizing on the Opportunity to Engage Learners. LEAP has been offered a slot to share information on board policy and implementation.

E. Assessment Workgroup

The Assessment Workgroup has been formed and initially met to become acquainted with vocabulary and what an Innovation Zone is. They discussed performance/competency assessments. The committee is comprised of a staff from EL (Brianna Smit), two staff from Teaching and Learning (Sue Ayres and Andrew Seveland), Megan Hotujec, Tim Leibham and Michelle Radtke. They will meet again before winter break.

F. Documentary Theatre

Amber Dernbach, Memorial staff and proposer of Documentary Theatre, will present at the December 19 Board Meeting. EL (English Language) and theatre students together will share personal stories that will support the implementation of this IZ proposal.

3. Committee Vacancy Prospects

There is currently a vacancy for a community member to serve on the committee. Jeremy Harrison will contact Katherine Rhodes, retired UWEC Dean.

4. RACE TO NOWHERE

Race to Nowhere will be viewed at Memorial High School in the Little Theatre from 6 – 8 pm on the following dates:

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Thursday, February 2, 2017

The committee viewed 30 minutes of this documentary, then discussed possible questions. It was suggested to share briefly before each showing why the LEAP Committee was created by the Board and the work thus far.

Motion by Melissa Greer to adjourn, seconded by Aaron Harder. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2017.