

Meeting: LEAP Committee

Date: December 8, 2020

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Webex

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Al-Hashlamoun	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bradley Candell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Petersen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mackenzie Gabler	<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	*Committee Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Greer	<input type="checkbox"/> True Vang	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pete Riley*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Schmitt**	** District Resource Member/Non-Voting

Guest(s): Jerry Gallagher, Amber Dernbach, Dave Oldenberg

Notes: Jenna Mattice

The regular meeting of Learning Environments and Partnerships (LEAP) was called to order by Pete Riley called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm

- **Public Comment – Pete Riley**
 - There is no public comment
- **Approval of Minutes – Pete Riley**
 - November meeting minutes: Motion to approve by Melissa Greer, second by Crystal Ruzicka. Motion passes.
- **Update on renewal of Documentary Theater (Memorial) performance agreement**
 - Began in January 2017. Started because of equity imbalance. Many students who wanted to participate in after school arts were unable to because of transportation, needing to work, or taking care of siblings.
 - Deep study in empathy and listening. Current project is Mask Up Eau Claire. Conducting interviews and hoping to encourage masks. Made up of students who are working on pieces and projects pertaining to, gender fluidity, violence, Black student union, vaping addiction, and others.
 - The performance agreement expires in Spring 2022.
 - Interested in including students from North in the future. In person or virtual collaboration.
 - Assigning a LEAP Ambassador to Documentary Theater Performance Agreement review: Mackenzie Gabler and Pete Riley.
- **ARCTIC Zone update from LEAP ambassadors and Jim, Final version of video**
 - At the last ARCTIC Zone meeting:
 - i. Making sure there is a letter sent to staff and families to communicate an overview of the program.
 - ii. Discussed next steps in working on the performance agreement.
 - Meeting with Andy and Ali in a side group for standard-based gradebook work.
 - Review of webpage and location of the ARCTIC Zone video – www.ecasd.us/ARCTICZone
- **Discuss framework for the innovation video**
 - Focus on an idea, process oriented. Where are we with innovation? How did we get here?

- Jerry is comfortable creating an innovation video from the interviews he already has and will present progress to the group.
- **Discuss Acres for Joy (South, Northstar, and DeLong- did not start as a LEAP Zone)**
 - Equine Therapy which started through South Middle School, plans to expand to Northstar and DeLong. Acres for Joy is located near Eleva Strum run by Jeff Jackson. Jeff is a physician assistance working in adolescent mental health. He grew up in a lifestyle that was difficult. After he graduated, he got involved with crime and spent three years in prison. Hi story encourages the idea that we have a certain set of circumstances and we determine the way we direct our lives and our choices.
 - One of his children struggled with an eating disorder, she passed away, which lead Jeff to dedicate his land and property to students who struggle.
 - Began the summer program, Ignite in 2016 with 11 students. Focuses: attitude, choices, consequences, boundaries, goal setting. Student who had many office referrals, attendance issues, and class failures were referred. Added SEL as a criteria in year two.
 - It was noticed that momentum was being lost during the school year so there was a proposal to extend it through the school year.
 - [Link to YouTube Video](#)
 - [School Board presentation, November 4, 2019](#)
 - Integration with other middle schools would need a sustainability plan. Defining scope over the next few months.
 - Assigned LEAP Ambassadors: Amy Petersen and Brad Candell
- **Suggested Future Agenda Items**
 - Progress with innovation video
 - Update on Documentary Theater
 - Update on Acres for Joy expansion
 - Update on ARCTIC Zone

Motion to adjourn by Mackenzie Gabler. Second by Amy Petersen. The meeting ended at 5:07pm