

DISC notes 12-8-10

Committee members present: Michelle Jensen, Barb Callahan, Sandy Fischer, Jane Folbrecht, Sue Shea, Lesa Herms, Kellie Rhinerson, Jackie Schmitt, Pam Klein

A. Positive reflections from around the district include:

- Classroom Amplification trial in progress at Elementary
- 6 Trait Writing activities with great results and student enthusiasm
- Art Club projects in MS look great with strong club atmosphere for students
- Origami project in Elementary Art class for 6th graders
- Santa's Secret Shop and the Buddies program very successful at the Elementary
- Adaptive Art and Adaptive Music programs getting great parent feedback in addition to existing Adaptive PE program
- Technology additions with SmartBoards continuing. Installation of boards going well at Elementary. Thank you to custodial and technology staff for quick support.
- Progress at the MS/HS continuing for the construction project and moving items from storage
- Pies and cookie baskets donations continuing with Bridges program
- Transition coordinator position at HS is going well with Apprenticeship program and job shadowing opportunities

B. Update on PD hours/Early Release options

- Michelle is checking into ideas for inservices regarding student hostage situations and staff protocols.
- Idea: Review of Mike Brown's All in the Family wksp for staff
- Idea: Recognizing suicide warning signs in teens
- Idea: Social networking, texting, technology and stress for teens
- Idea: What If? Days to allow staff to have a think tank opportunity for new ideas to be shared
- Elementary staff have requested consideration to more team planning time on ER since many initiatives and meetings are held afterschool currently.
- Barb C is working on updating hours submitted by staff for Option hours and PD hours.

C. School Climate Survey

- The committee reviewed examples of survey questions from DPI and other school districts around the nation.
- The overall intention of the survey is to get feedback from students, parents, and staff about the school community.
- Specifics of what questions to ask and the length of the survey were discussed.
- Consideration to the Dane County survey for students, upcoming technology surveys, recent district surveys, and how the results will further guide district decisions were discussed.

- Discussion was held regarding topics for questions, wording choice for questions, and appropriateness for student age groups with regard to survey format.
- The committee will continue to fine-tune the survey at the next DISC meeting in January.
- The next DISC meeting times and dates are as follows with both meetings in the elementary conference room:

Wednesday, Jan. 5th from 3:15-5:00pm

Wednesday, Jan. 19th from 8:00-11:00am

Respectfully submitted,
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ANY THOUGHTS, COMMENTS, OR SUGGESTIONS FOR DISC?

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