

DISC Meeting Notes

September 22, 2010

Members Present: Michelle Jensen, Sandy Fisher, Deb Kohlwey, Vicky Borger, Lesa Herms, Jane Folbrecht, Pam Klein, Sue Shea, Kellie Rhinerson, Kate Grensing

Agenda:

- **New Member Introductions:**

- Pam Klein, Sue Shea, and Kellie Rhinerson were welcomed as new DISC members.

A. Professional Development:

a. PD options for Fall

- i. Discussion was held regarding planning PD opportunities
 1. It is difficult to plan for an entire year
 - a. This would limit staff freedom, flexibility, and options.
 - b. It has potential to create monetary waste if speakers are hired and staff does not attend.
 - ii. Elementary, Middle, and High School staff should think about the next available 11:08 release (February 4th, 2011)
 1. What topics would staff like offered
 2. Are any staff willing to lead development opportunities?
 - a. Please be aware that attendance at your PD offering may be small
 3. Staff should take their ideas to their DISC representative, Barb Callahan, or Michelle Jensen
 - iii. Staff is encouraged to be proactive in developing their own PD options
 1. Staff can tailor the opportunity to meet their own needs/interests
 2. PD can be done in a group or individually
 3. If you are planning to do a group PD, please be sure to offer it to everyone in the district.

b. Review of ER Options for Semester 1

- i. Semester 1 is already in place making it difficult to change at this time
 1. There was a need to get HS/MS committees working
 2. DISC will continue to look at Semester 2 for more team/department planning time and flexibility/options in choices.

B. District Goals

a. Website Update

- i. Anticipated roll-out date of new district website is January, 2011.
 1. Staff is strongly encouraged to use PD time for updating their web pages.
 2. Staff web pages should be completed in time for January roll-out of web site
 - a. If staff needs help, training or extra time, please ask for it.
 - b. Please be sure the web page information is “timeless”

b. Character Education/Citizenship

- i. There is a new state initiative called Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS)
- ii. Deerfield Schools already has many pieces in place
 1. Elementary Character Pledge
 2. Non-Violent Communication discussions
- iii. DISC is currently exploring the idea of a MS/HS student summit to encourage positive behaviors, leadership, and core values.

c. Student Achievement

- i. Common Core Standards are still being worked on at the state level
- ii. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)
- iii. Skyward Family Access
 1. Are we encouraging students to check their own progress on Skyward?
 - a. Should the school train students on how to do this?
 2. Do families and students have enough computer access (dial-up –v- speedier options)?

C. Other items brought forward by members

DISC has scheduled the next two meetings:

Wednesday, October 20th, in the Elementary School conference room. 8:15 – 11:00

Tuesday, November 16th, in the District conference room (HS/MS). 3:15 – 5:00

**ANY THOUGHTS, COMMENTS, OR SUGGESTIONS FOR DISC?
PLEASE CONTACT A DISC REPRESENTATIVE!**

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