

DISC Meeting Notes

October 27, 2009

Members Present: Barb Callahan, Kate Gensing, Michelle Jensen, Sandy Fischer, Jane Folbrecht, Karen Frey, Jenifer Hedrick, and Deb Kohlwey.

Agenda

A. Professional Development

- Barb Callahan shared information about an online professional development program-PD360. The program is very costly since it is charged by building versus by number of staff (ie. cost per teacher is high in a small district). Programs offered looked very good but would need considerable training and commitment to make it cost-effective.
- Members shared ideas for early release sessions for second semester. Would like to continue with initiatives started in first semester such as more technology training and integration, compassionate communication training, and time for grade level/dept. meetings.

B. Review/revise Responsibilities of DISC

- Members shared thoughts about the future role of DISC-ideas included
 - More time on curriculum
 - Less time on schedules/calendar/ER planning
 - Find ways to gather feedback from staff
 - Focus professional development that connects to student achievement
 - Discuss “new” strategies, assessments, curriculum as a means to develop opportunities for staff and students
 - Share the vision of the district
 - Review appropriate policies and procedures
 - Focus on consistency-our vision matches our actions
- Members discussed two themes that may be explored further in the future: “Parents as Partners” and “Student Responsibility Leads to Student Achievement”

C. Review Board goals and priorities

- District Objectives are four areas: (full document on website under Board Goals)
 - a. Student Achievement
 - b. District and School Climate/Wellness
 - c. Community Relations
 - d. Budget and Finance
- Board would like to see continued professional growth in technology integration, assessment and creative classroom instruction

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 17 3:15-5:00pm in district conference room