

## DISC Meeting Notes

December 21, 2009

**Members Present:** Barb Callahan, Andrew Christianson, Kate Gensing, Lesa Herms, Michelle Jensen, Jenifer Hedrick, Jane Folbrecht, Karen Frey, Vicky Borger, and Deb Kohlwey.

### A. Professional Development

#### a. Semester 2 activities

- Upcoming PD opportunities include Raising Kane, hosted by Christian Ezell.
- Hours will be updated and sent out in January.
- Should small group offerings (such as book clubs) be published to the whole group?
- What should be offered on the 11:00 dismissal days in February and March? **If staff members have ideas or suggestions for PD, contact a DISC member.**

#### b. PD Compensation ideas

- The group discussed possibilities for PD compensation when staff exceeds the required yearly hours. Options could include:
  - Earning hours towards an additional personal day.
  - Monetary compensation similar to the summer school base pay (roughly \$20/hour).

### B. Early Release, Semester 2

- An outline was shared and discussed. Michelle and Barb will finalize for the January meeting.

### C. Communications Committee Survey

- Working on a survey to include:
  - Demographics
  - Preferred communication methods
  - District website questions
  - Skyward family access (gr. 7-12) questions
  - General school/home communications
  - Volunteer opportunities?

### D. Character Education Board Initiative

- Multi-district possibility?
- We looked at the DPI information for Character Education and an outside resource for character education and citizenship.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 14, 8:15-11:00am in the Elementary School Conference Room