

Nevada CSD - School Improvement Advisory Committee

Date: November 8th, 2021

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Nevada HS Media Center

[Virtual Link](#)

**A regular meeting of the Nevada CSD School Improvement Advisory Committee is scheduled for Monday, November 8th, at 6:30 pm, in the Nevada High School Media Center*

AGENDA:

1: Welcome/Introductions

-Present:

- NCSchool Board Member: Marty Chitty
- NCSchool Faculty/Staff: Tyler Struck, Catie Neuman, Zach Lillquist, and Kody Asmus
- NCSchool Students: Jeremy Hansen
- NCSchool Community Members: Stacie Herridge, Jill Rhodes, Jessie McGaffin, Vawn Thiphasouk, and Pam Eaton

2: Purpose of the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)

-(Per Iowa Code 280.12) -- To serve in an advisory role and make recommendations to the board of directors regarding:

- Major educational needs
- Student learning goals
- Long-range and annual improvement goals that include, but are not limited to, the state indicators that address reading, mathematics, and science achievement.
- Desired levels of student performance.
- Progress toward meeting the goals
- Harassment or bullying prevention goals, programs, training, and other initiatives.
- Infusing character education into the educational program

3: Building and Student Updates

-Central Elementary: Seven online students, Intervention positions created (Literacy, Math, and Behavior) using TLC and ESSER III, analyzing Math curriculum, heavy focus on literacy (reading/writing), and looking to update playground equipment.

-Nevada Middle School: Six online students, Construction update taking place, HUGE update to the building - halls, lockers, color schemes, classrooms, collaborative PODS, storage, Wrestling Room - Intervention positions (Literacy, Math, and Behavior), focus on

Tier II/III interventions based on needs, and PD focus on SEL (Social-Emotional Learning).

-Nevada High School: 40ish online students, PD focus on SEL and Formative - Summative Assessments, MS students eating lunch in the Safe Room, 15+ cardio machines added to the Weight Room (focus on individual personal fitness), eSports, Fall Play (Clue), Football team success (Quarterfinals), Volleyball success (Substate), Cross-Country (Boys Conference Champs/Individual State Qualifier), Marching Band/Choir All-State Success, and every Junior/Senior had the chance to take a high-stakes test for **FREE**.

-Nevada HS Students: Students curiosity on what the school year would look like this year - the majority are handling things well, fantastic to see the success of students in a variety of arenas (Athletics and Activities), and students are currently allowed to wear hats/hoods.

4: NCS D Student Achievement Data and Discussion

[-2020-21 NCS D Summer Student Achievement Update](#)

**Reviewed by the group*

[-2020-21 Nevada CSD/State ISASP Comparison](#)

**Discussed trends in the data*

**Noted that we are barely above the state average in some grades*

**Reviewed our newly adapted intervention plan for grades K-8*

**Discussed the role assessment data plays in making educational decisions*

**We will continue the discussion at our next meeting and discuss potential goals for the 2021-22 ISASP*

[-NCS D Summer School 2021 Information](#)

**Reviewed by the group*

[-NCS D Fall 2021 FAST](#)

**Discussed trends in the data - especially areas of concern (any grade-level below 70%)*

**Reviewed our newly adapted intervention plan for grades K-8*

**Discussed scheduling changes we had to make to ensure students were receiving adequate interventions*

**Discussed diagnostics used to assist students in need of intervention(s)*

**We will continue our discussion at our next meeting and review Winter and Spring data when available*

5: [Bullying and Harassment Data](#) and Discussion

**Reviewed the data district-wide and by individual buildings*

**Noted that we appear to have a very low number of "founded" cases*

**Discussed the importance of building relational capacity with students to ensure they feel comfortable talking with a trusted adult*

**Discussed the difference between conflict and bullying/harassment*

**We all want our students to feel safe in our buildings and are committed to ensuring that happens*

6: Dropout and Graduation Rate Data and Discussion

**Reviewed the data and noted that our graduation rate and attendance rate continue to be high and that our dropout rate, as a whole, continues to be low.*

**Discussed strategies the district implements to assist students in graduating from high school with their class.*

**Our number one goal for students is to graduate from high school and be prepared to succeed in all life endeavors after high school.*

7: NCSD ESSER III Plan and Discussion

**Due to time constraints, we did not get a chance to review/discuss our ESSER III Plan - this will be tabled to the January 10th mtg.*

8: Other - None

9: Identify Topics of Interest for the 2021-22 SIAC Committee

- NCSD Equity Report and Discussion
- NCSD Special Education Plan

10: Future Meeting Dates (6:30-8:00pm)

- January 10th (Monday) -- Nevada High School Media Center
- March 24th (Thursday) -- Gates Hall Auditorium
- June 7th (Tuesday) -- Gates Hall Auditorium

LAUNCH:

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." —Winston Churchill