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Nevada CSD - School Improvement Advisory Committee

Date: October 27th, 2020

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Nevada HS Media Center

[Virtual Link](#)

**A regular meeting of the Nevada CSD School Improvement Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 29th, at 7:00 pm, in the Nevada High School Media Center*

AGENDA:

1: Welcome/Introductions

-Present: Kody Asmus, Andrew Henderson, Aubrey Gibson, Catherine Neuman, Marty Chitty, Jacob Mumm, Jeremy Hansen, Cara Wendling, Ryan Brown, Stacie Herridge, and Zach Lillquist.

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: Faculty/staff engaged in Professional Development work in Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and developing Common Formative Assessments (CFA) within their Professional Learning Committees (PLCs). Praised the new Instructional Strategist in the areas of Capturing Kids Heart (CKH), SEL, Literacy, and Math.

-Nevada Middle School: Faculty/staff engaged in Professional Development work in identifying and providing interventions for students to address needs in literacy, math, and behaviors. The MS has also implemented a new math numeracy project, and the building is focused on implementing literacy strategies in all content areas. Praise was also given to the new Instructional Strategist in math, literacy, behavior, and SEL.

-Nevada High School: Faculty/staff engaged in Professional Development work in SEL, CKH implementation, and Executive Function implementation. The new instructional Strategist in the areas of SEL, CKH, and EF implementation has been a huge benefit. Students' success in fall activities - football, volleyball, and cross country was referenced, and the fall play performance is taking place next week.

-Nevada HS Students: Reviewed the start of the school year, and concerns were brought up regarding the fidelity of implementing migration strategies, precisely hallway flow, and the students properly wearing masks.

4: NCSd Student Achievement Data and Discussion - [2019-20 Student Achievement Data](#)

-Due to the 2019-20 school year coming to an abrupt end, it is challenging to thoroughly analyze student achievement data. Once fall and winter data are available for the 2020-21 school year, the group will analyze trends.

-ACT data was discussed, as was building attendance rates.

5: [NCSd Equity Report](#) and Discussion

-Due to a lack of data provided by the DOE, it was challenging to have an in-depth discussion.

-The process of how data reporting was discussed, specifically SES numbers due to families opting out of Free/Reduced Lunch because all lunches are now free for students.

-There appears to be an increase in ELL students at the elementary level as compared to the MS and HS.

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

-The process of reporting bullying and harassment was discussed.

-HS students expressed a concern that some students are nervous about reporting bullying and harassment incidents because of potential repercussions.

-Students were encouraged to communicate to peers that issues can't be addressed unless Administrators are aware of what is taking place.

-The safety of our students is our number one concern.

7: [Dropout and Graduation Rate Data](#) and Discussion

-Data from 2018-19 and 2019-20 show a continued trend in an overall high graduation rate compared to the state's average, and the district's overall attendance rate remains around 95%.

8: District Task Force Update -- *Tabled for the next meeting*

9: Other

-N/A

10: Identify Topics of Interest for the 2020-21 SIAC Committee

-Committee members will email Kody Asmus with topics to discuss at future meetings and additional data regarding student achievement if desired.

11: Future Meeting Dates -- NHS Media Center @ 7:00pm

-December 17th (Thursday)

-February 23rd (Tuesday)

-April 27th (Tuesday)

LAUNCH:

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." -- Henry Ford

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