



NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



Preparing Learners Today for Tomorrow

Nevada CSD - School Improvement Advisory Committee

Date: December 17th, 2020

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Nevada HS Media Center

AGENDA:

1: Welcome/Introductions

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:

- 50ish online learners will be returning to full-time, in-person learning at the start of the 2nd semester.
- Jennifer Burns provided the elementary staff professional learning on Word Study and Guided Reading the past few weeks during Monday AM PD.
- Central Elementary was nominated as a potential Capturing Kids' Heart National Showcase School for the **fourth** consecutive year.

-Nevada Middle School:

- 16 online learners will be returning to full-time, in-person learning at the start of the 2nd semester.
- The ESSA plan is complete and being implemented throughout the building.
- Expansion of literacy across all content areas.
- AIW scoring focused on Canvas courses to improve structure and platform for students in quarantine and potential Virtual Snow Days.

-Nevada High School:

- Around 10 online learners will be returning to full-time, in-person learning at the start of the 2nd semester.
- PD Focus - Adult SEL learning, EF implementation, and Canvas course support (students in quarantine and planning for Virtual Snow Days).
- Upcoming AIW training for staff.
- RSVP/Student Council working with Admin on "Spring Fun Week"

-Nevada HS Students:

- Winter Activities in full-swing!
- Spring Musical - first weekend in March.
- Students working hard to complete 2nd term and 1st semester courses.

4: [2020-21 NCSD Professional Development Plan](#)

-Potential questions, comments, or concerns will be shared at the Feb meeting

5: Review Reports from the 10/27/20 Meeting

-[2019-20 NHS Student Achievement Data](#)

-[NCSD Equity Report](#)

-[Bullying and Harassment Data](#)

-[Dropout and Graduation Rate Data](#)

6: NCSD Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) Tentative Plan

-Discussed the tentative plan/dates for this year's ISASP

-All 3rd - 11th graders: Math and Reading/Writing

-5th, 8th, and 10th graders: Science

-Assessment structure will be entirely online except for a few learners who might need specific modifications for a paper/pencil assessment format.

7: NCSD SIAC Committee Snapshot of the District

-Strengths:

- Outsiders enjoy their time at Nevada
- Climate/Culture

- Great students and teachers
- Personalized learning opportunities (students and faculty/staff)
- Support staff for students (Gindt, Herran, Dr. Inna, etc.)
- "Yes you can" attitude for teachers
- "Fail forward" approach to trying new strategies
- Activity programs
- School Board: Progressive and focused on improved instruction, student achievement, and personal growth (students/staff)
- Facilities
- Community backing (voting - bonds, etc.)
- CKH - all staff trained
- Not too big -- not too small
- College credit opportunities for students
- TLC structure - focused on the needs of the district/buildings
- Honor instructional time (scheduling)
- Technology Department
- Technology access for students
- Student representation on the School Board
- Willing to have difficult conversations

-Continued areas of growth:

- CTE/PLTW gender equality
- Diversity of incoming teachers
- Continue to monitor:
 - Graduation rates
 - Dropout rates
 - Attendance
 - Student achievement
- Diversity of curriculum
- Offer/teach additional World Language programs
- PLTW participation (*possible graduation requirement??*)
- Implementation/learning tied to the NCSD Learner Outcomes
- PSAT/Pre-ACT not during instructional time
- Continued growth of SBG across the District

**We will re-visit this list at our Feb meeting*

8: Other

-N/A

9: District Task Force Update

-The District Task Force will pick up speed in the Spring and will continue to be an area of focus during the 2021-22 school year and beyond.

10: Identify Additional 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

-February 23rd (Tuesday)

-April 27th (Tuesday)

LAUNCH: *"A ferocious concentration and fanatical execution is what you need to finish strong." -- Gary Ryan Blair*