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Nevada CSD - School Improvement Advisory Committee

Date: December 13th, 2023

Time: 7:00-8:15pm

Location: Gates Hall Auditorium

[Virtual Link](#)

**A regular meeting of the Nevada CSD School Improvement Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13th, at 7:00 pm, in the Gates Hall Auditorium*

AGENDA:

1: Welcome/Introductions

- School Board Member: Marty Chitty
- Faculty/Staff: Kody Asmus, Catie Neuman, Zach Lillquist, and Tyler Struck (*Parent*)
- Parents/Guardians/Community Members: Kim Houston, Lisa Rodgers, and Stacie Herridge,
- NHS Students: Drew Hillman, Kyle Kingsbury, Ian Thomas, Ally Dittmer, Gracie Dodson, and Lily Henderson.

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

2: Building and Student Updates

-Central Elementary: Professional Development: Literacy (Jen Burns) - Literacy Footprints and Math (Emily Rash) - Bridges, FAST coming up, Leveling for 1st-4th Readers, and Day @ the Hill presentation (Literacy improvement)

-Nevada Middle School: Meeting in Curricular/Grade-Level Teams - SMART Goals, SEL Learning/Implementation, Winter Concerts - Band/Choir, Nov/Dec sports season wrapping up, the start of Jan/Feb season coming up, and a variety of trips for the MS students, and FAST testing coming up.

-Nevada High School: SEL PD - focus on climate/culture in the building, teachers sharing in-class examples, Formative/Summative Assessments, Winter Activities in full Swing, Winter Concerts in December, and developing MTSS plan/team.

-Nevada HS Students: Basketball (good start for both teams), Wrestling in full swing - hosted a large Central Iowa meet; team success for both, Musical (*Footloose*) auditions - casting comes out on Friday, Science Bowl starting (largest number of participants - two teams), Ethics Bowl starting, eSports is rolling, Seminar Olympics - start of the 2nd semester, Speech season is coming up - high level of participation, State Dance in DSM - 2 soloist, 3 teams, and flag-line participated - performing a game and clinic coming up, and Orientation coming up in mid-January.

3: [NCS D ESSER III Plan](#) / [Return to Learn Plan](#) and Discussion

- Both plans were approved by the committee - no recommendations made

4: [2022-23 Dropout and Graduation Rate Data](#)

- Increase in FRL % discussed
 - Impact on funding (Title 1/ESSER in 2020-21) and Classification (Athletics)
 - Accurate reflection of the District demographics
 - Impact of free lunches for all after COVID

5: [2022-23 Bullying and Harassment Data](#)

- Low #'s this year - discussed student/parent knowledge of the process/paperwork
- Recommendations:
 - District statement on Bullying/Harassment
 - Registration
 - Website
 - Reviewing the process w/students
 - Handbook?
 - Start of the Year Orientations?
 - Seminar @ the MS/HS?

6: [2022-23 NCSD Equity Report](#)

- Reviewed Open Enroll In/Out #'s
 - How can we keep our resident students in Nevada?
 - Where are people going and why?
 - How can we continue to increase OE In #'s?
- Increase in ELL #'s over the years
- Suspension Data
 - NMS significantly higher than other buildings
 - Different behaviors at the MS than other buildings
 - 81% Males / 60%+ FRL / 25%+ Sped
- Course Data
 - High Agricultural Participation
 - Low Male Participation in FCS
 - Low Female Participation in Industrial Tech
 - High Strength/Conditioning (Weight Training) Participation
 - Low Sped % in Spanish II and beyond
- Recommendations to Consider
 - Offer typing/keyboarding
 - Increase Dual-Credit options @ NHS
 - Survey graduates 2-5 years out of HS: Evaluate their K-12 experience and how it prepared them for life after school

7: Identify Topics of Interest for the 2023-24 SIAC Committee

- Title I Services Plan (March)
- Nevada CSD Career Ready Iowa Plan (March)
- Nevada CSD Special Education Plan (March)
- Nevada CSD Computer Science Plan (March)
- Nevada CSD LAU Plan (May)
- 2023-24 FAST Data (May)
- 2023-24 Student Achievement Data (May)
- 2024-25 NCSD Student Achievement Goals (May)

8: Future Meeting Dates (7:00 - 8:15pm)

- March 6th (Wednesday) -- Gates Hall Auditorium
- May 30th (Thursday) -- Gates Hall Auditorium

LAUNCH:

"Last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice."

—T.S. Eliot

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