

School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)

November 2, 2016

4:30 – 6:00 pm

Attending:

Laurel Braaten	Jonathan Ikoba	Celeste Miller
Kitty Clingingsmith	Matt Johnson	Mike Pyevich
Bonnie Fisher	Barb Jordan	Mike Raso
Kitka Galvin	Richard Lynch	Phil Redington
Jason Hamann	Kathy Lowry	Julie Tropa

Presenters:

Kay Ingham, Chris Like, Marty Beck

District Update Mike Raso, Interim Superintendent

The district continues to evaluate the facilities project for at Grant Wood Elementary. The cost for renovation is continuing to climb. The Board may look at other options.

Iowa will adopt a new state assessment, Smarter Balanced, for the 2017-2018 school year. This assessment will replace the current Iowa Assessments. Smarter Balanced is aligned to the statewide Core standards, performance based, and administered online in the spring.

The Iowa DE has released a draft of the revised statewide social studies standards.

Topic Presentation

Kay Ingham, Director of Student Services

Chris Like, CPD STEAM

Marty Beck. CPD Math

An overview of the structure implemented using the Teacher Leader grant received from the state was presented. There are 15 Instructional Coaches to provide support in instructional strategies and tech integration. The district has three Curriculum & Professional Development Teacher Leaders; one CPD each for Math, Literacy and STEAM.

The strategy of our teaching and learning revolves around four questions:

- What do we want our students to learn?
- How will we know when they have learned it?
- How will we respond when they don't learn it?
- How will we respond when they know it?

Chris Like and Marty Beck explained the work the teachers have accomplished in content areas, grade levels, and within the PLCs. The work includes identifying and understanding the standards, prioritizing the standards for each grade level and each content area, and analyzing and evaluating the curriculum and assessments.