



School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)

November 12, 2019

Portrait of a Graduate & Future Ready

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

Tracy Book
Matt Brenot
Monisa Brown
Tyler Chase
Brietta Collier
Amber Dopler
Gary Goins

Keith Kimball
Melissa Laufenberg
Richard Lynch
Mike Raso
Samantha Rottinghaus
Jodie Stone
Amy Swearingen

Michelle Tabares
Steven Torgerud
Mary Wendel

Jillian Dotson (presenter)
Haleigh Hoyt (presenter)
Celeste Miller (coordinator)

WELCOME

Celeste Miller, Director of Communications, welcomed SIAC members followed by the group introducing themselves.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Superintendent Raso shared an update on the progress of the new Mark Twain Elementary. We will be moving in to the building in December. Mark Twain students will have an additional two days of winter break to give teachers time to move into their classrooms. We will have a ribbon cutting and open house for the new school on Friday, January 3rd - 3:30 - 5:30 pm.

This summer we will be renovating sections of Paul Norton Elementary and constructing a secure vestibule entry into the school's main office. We are working on the plan to renovate Herbert Hoover Elementary in order to assure the plan is meeting the needs of the school.

The Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) results will be the discussion at the next SIAC meeting. Our students did very well. In December/January building rankings will become available.

PRESENTATION - Portrait of a Graduate & Future Ready

Jillian Dotson, Director of Curriculum - jdotson@bettendorf.k12.ia.us

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Haleigh Hoyt, Future Ready Coach - hhoyt@bettendorf.k12.ia.us

Future Ready

Haleigh Hoyt shared her work as Future Ready Coach. She explained that her job is to help students get to talents, interests and explore their career options.

Hoyt and the high school counselors work with students on The Essential Components by grade level.

1. Self-understanding - freshmen
2. Career information - sophomores

3. Career exploration - juniors
4. Postsecondary exploration - juniors
5. Career and post-secondary decision - seniors

Another feature of their work with students is a virtual job shadow system with video and information of thousands of different careers. The also help students build their resumes.

Questions

- **Are students able to take PSAT?** BHS student services helps connect students with PSAT exam opportunities. The test is not offered at BHS.
- **Can I get into the virtual job shadow system?** Parents can access it if they have a 8th grade through high school student. It's an app on the school device.
- **Are parents informed of the process?** Yes. There is a college and career corner in weekly newsletter in which BHS is sharing information and opportunities with parents.
- **Is there anything that engages parents into the process?** Hoyt would like to work to involve parents in future ready discussions and financial aid. It would be helpful to learn parents' intentions for their students.
- **Do you do it by yourself?** Hoyt is part of HS counseling team.
- **Does it create a space for students to explore not only what interests them but what they can do to make a living wage?** Yes.

Portrait of a Graduate

Jillian Dotson shared that the Bettendorf Community School District has been working with the AEA and collaborating with student, family, community, business, and industry partners to develop Portrait of a Graduate which describes the knowledge, skills, and dispositions our graduates will possess when they move on to successful college, career, and civic lives.

With input from students, teachers, parents and community members, the Portraite of a Graduate committee determined the 5 competencies that will help our pre-k through senior students to be successful:

- Critical Thinking
- Communication & Collaboration
- Social Emotional Skills & Responsibility
- Self Direction & Growth Mindset
- Interdisciplinary & Global Knowledge

There was a Portrait of a Graduate Walk on November 14 for the public to view student designed graphics for the project.

The committee will bring their work to the school board on December 16 to consider adoption.

There are four advisory groups that will continue to guide the implementation: PLC , PoE, student services, and ICAP.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- **Concern about acute awareness when students graduate.**
- **These should be competencies for any graduate. All of these are keys that we think Bettendorf should produce.**

- **How do five competencies integrate with our standards, sense of careers and next steps?** The competencies help create paths for students to build postsecondary skill. Sub committees are important to coordinate work in the classroom.
- **I have a kindergartener that is talking about grown mindset saying “your brain just grew.”**
- **Recommend communication with parents about Portrait of a Graduate work.** There have been articles about Portrait of a Graduate in the district community newsletter. We will continue to share information with parents and the community as the work progresses.
- **Where are these initiatives coming from?** Future Ready is coming from governor. Portrait of a Graduate is being lead by the Mississippi Bend AEA.

RESOURCES

[Link to presentation](#)

NEXT MEETINGS

Student Achievement

Jillian Dotson, Director of Curriculum

Tuesday, January 28

Mark Twain Elementary - 1620 Lincoln Rd.

School Finance 101

Brietta Collier, Director of Finance & Business Services

Tuesday, March 31

Herbert Hoover Elementary School Cafeteria - 3223 S. Hampton Dr.