

Discussion Notes September 6, 2018 – 4:00 PM – 5:31 PM

Safe Schools Online Training Portal

The Indiana Department of Education continues to mandate a massive amount of training for school staff yearly. Human Resources and Student Services Director Ryan Taylor indicated a desire to move to a standardized training. Both Mr. Taylor and Director of Educational Technologies visited pre-Discussion to do a presentation. Mr. Taylor indicated conversation will occur with principals. He expects to bring a recommendation back to the October discussion session. This portal will contain videos to watch and quizzes to take to achieve compliance. These videos will be able to be watched from home or school.

Indiana Department of Education Test Security

The IDOE has determined that every school employee except bus drivers must watch the webinar on test security (even cafeteria workers). Mr. Harrison will be sending out more information soon. Employees will have a couple of weeks in which to complete the short webinar.

e-Learning

Mr Harrison led a discussion surrounding e-learning. He indicated if we miss a day, the actual e-learning day will be the missed day. We agreed teachers needed to communicate the assignment to families by 9:00 AM on the missed day. Teachers would communicate their availability to students. Students would have one week to submit any assignment. If we missed two days in a row, students would have one week plus one day to submit any assignment.

This year, teachers will log “attendance” based on whether assignments are completed. Skyward will be opened up to allow attendance entry after the time frame for assignment submission.

We had a brief discussion of how many days in a row could be used for e-learning along with the aggregate number of days we could have e-learning in a year. We agreed that this topic merited further discussion.

iLearn

Mr. Harrison indicated that the American Institute for Research (AIR) will provide the state-mandated tests to students in grades 3 – 8 and for the high school Biology end-of-course assessment.

Tests will resemble NWEA. Teacher will log in to receive a code. Schools will print the students’ nine digit Teachers must have a 30 minute webinar training – Teachers must log-in and participate. This opens October 1 and must be completed before administering the test.

Testing Requirements for NWEA & Fountas & Pinnell

HSEA inquired if flexibility existed for NWEA to be given mid-year. We discussed that district stats would be possibly skewed if only some kids took the NWEA. Dr. Bourff indicated it would be important for teachers to know growth. Mr. Harrison indicated that when we went 1 to 1 in elementary, NWEA mid year test became required.

HSEA inquired if Fountas & Pinnell would always need to be used for high ability students who were reading multiple years above grade level. Concern existed about the length of time for the individual testing of students. It was decided that the high ability coordinators will discuss this issue at their next meeting. The Fountas & Pinnell will be brought back to discussion in October.

DCS Reporting For

District Mental Health Coordinator Brooke Lawson made a form for reporting Child Protection Services (CPS) reporting and asked for input. Mr. Taylor shared that sometimes the report needs to be made when your computer might not be available. He stressed the immediate nature that is required of reporting and reiterated to call CPS immediately.

Flyers and Outside Organization Advertising

Ms. Emily Pace Abbotts presented guidelines for Community Insider. The draft is attached. Please give any feedback to your discussion rep. Ms. Pace Abbotts indicated she was looking for feedback and consistency in our approach to outside groups.

Community as a Campus

Special Projects Director Freedom Kolb indicated the Community as a Campus has been re-branded as "CurioCity." The district will start to provide training of the online portal to specialty users such as counselors, internship coordinators, and principals.

Redistricting

Interim Assistant Superintendent Dr. Carnes indicated that redistricting will be a community driven board decision model for K-8. Our web page will have a video and other information for interested parties to reference as a quick link and also under "happenings."

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