

SIAC Meeting Minutes  
November 30, 2011  
Jr/Hs Media Center  
6:30-8:00

Twenty four participants were present. The list is on file in the central office.

Pizza and drinks were provided. The meeting began while participants were eating.

Mr Egli introduced the facilitator, Jeff Herzber, the Chief Administrator of AEA 8. Jeff began the meeting by having participants introduce themselves.

Mr Egli shared the purpose of this meeting and 2 additional meetings that are scheduled for Feb 15 and April 25.

- To dream, share and discuss what we want MNW to be in order to prepare all students for the future.
- Begin a list of recommendations for the School Board for goal setting purposes.

Jeff reviewed the official purpose of SIAC according to the Iowa Code. It is: A STATE MANDATED ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CREATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD AS THEY ADOPT DISTRICT GOALS FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Laura Horan shared a brief overview of MNW's Comprehensive School Improvement Plan. It is an umbrella for all improvement efforts at MNW. It includes long term goals in reading, math, science, technology and climate and culture. What does it have to do with SIAC this year? In a broad sense, the visioning the SIAC members will be doing all fits within the goal areas of the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan.

Jeff guided the group in thinking about "hopes and dreams for MNW". He began with information from Tony Wagner's Global Achievement Gap that included the Seven New Survival Skills and a portion from the book that described the challenge for education today in a highly competitive and global market. He also showed a video entitled, "Learning to Change, Changing to Learn." Small groups then worked to discuss and record all ideas relative to what MNW should look like to prepare students for the future. Small groups shared their lists while Jeff recorded all ideas.

Jeff assigned homework:

- Talk to friends, spouse, children, colleagues, neighbors, grandchildren and others to find out what they would like to see the school look like in the future...
- Read everything you can about the trends in the workplace, education or society and reflect on how this might impact our schools...
- Bring that information back and be ready to discuss as we think about getting our recommendations ready for the school board

Next steps: The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. the agenda will include data review as we work toward the CSIP goals, more visioning and discussing, and begin a list of proposed recommendations to the board for goal setting.