

SIAC Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2010

7:00 p.m.

MNW Board Room

Present:

Community Members: Kym Sutter, Ann Schlapkohl, Teresa Hood

Parents: Larry Schreier

School Board: Dan DeWall, Terry Lawler

Administrators: Mark Egli, Rose Davis, Shawn Holloway, Laura Horan

1. Update on Iowa Core Implementation Plan - Laura gave an update on the progress of the IC Implementation Plan that was written by the DLT and submitted to the DE in June of 2010. The plan is aligned with our district professional development. The community component asks our stakeholders for their input on 21st Century Learning. Laura also reported on the current status of the Common Core (National Standards) in Literacy and Math and the Iowa Core. The state has aligned the two documents and a new document for Literacy and Math will be available the week of December 6, 2010.

2. 21st Century Skills Input – A draft of MNW’s 21st Century School Philosophy was shared. Reactions to the draft included:

- Since the document is focused on tech and 21st century skills, are the basics still taught?
- Should it be based on student expectations instead of teacher expectations?
- Discussion about technology being a tool for learning.
- The title is confusing – need to add the “Staff”

The administrative team will discuss the document again and make changes relative to the committee’s input.

3. Academic Achievement Goals for 2010-2011

The committee discussed the goals. A motion was made by Ann Schlapkohl and seconded by Larry Schreier for the goals to be recommended for approval by the school board.

4. Financial Report – Superintendent Mark Egli presented a financial report for the 2009-10 fiscal year as well as financial projections. The District is currently in strong financial health with approximately 10% unspent balance and solvency ratios. This means that the ending balance in both were about 10% of revenues for the year, or between \$800,000 and one million dollars. The future trends for the district indicate further decline in student population. When combined with the state’s poor financial condition, the District’s budget authority is likely to decline over the next several year, making necessary further cuts in expenditures. Sharing discussions continue with Southeast Webster Grand and Prairie Valley in the area of possible shared teachers and virtual classes. In summary, although our current financial position is strong, the District must continue to take advantage of opportunities to reduce expenditures and enter into sharing arrangements.