

February SCN Meeting Minutes

Feb. 15 2022

Call to order 11:30 am

Present: Jill Croft, Liz Larson, Alicia Emanuel, Jill LNU, Jenna Ehler, Megan Thole, Stephanie Trannel, Jenna Presley, Josie Lewis, David Maxwell, Perrigo, Lisa Earles, Andi Lipman, Tabitha Payton, Alissa Clark, Tammy Skinner, Alana, Rebecca Eschete, Tammy Skinner, Dr. Remy, Breanna LNU, Mary Williamson, Bea Songer, Rebecca McMahan, Dr. Kim Davis, Alexandria Wade

Welcome - members shared what they are thankful for in WDMCS.

District Safety Committee Overview- The Safety Committee moved to Human Resources this year. Currently there are 12 leaders on the committee who meet every 2-4 weeks to review district safety procedures and protocols. They support building leaders, talk with neighboring districts, and help train employees. They also work with Polk County Emergency Services on training and drills. There is approximately one safety drill a month in each building. Every building has four tornado, four fire, two lock down drills a year. These are to meet Iowa code and practice in case of emergency. The new space in Westridge Elementary is a tornado shelter. It will be a new process on how that tornado drill will work. The space is built big enough to house the entire student body.

Audit was done for camera needs at all buildings. Gave time for principals to see if camera angles inside/outside were good. Hopefully cameras will be installed over the summer.

Equity Update- For Black History Month engaging with history by submitting videos on historic figures important to them. Should be quick and under a minute. Still taking submissions. More information is available on District website. Family and Students of Color & Family of LGBTQIA+ are two new support groups and are meeting once a month. Dates on next meetings are on the District site. March 7 will have a workshop around equity. Dr. Ferguson will be sharing what has happened this year and what is to come next year.

Open Forum with Dr. Remy- The House and Senate have agreed on 2.5% budget for schools. School Board voted unanimously will be working on a letter about rejecting vouchers. 5,000 of the 10,000 vouchers are reserved for special ed. If these students choose to go to a private school, the voucher goes to that school but public school is still responsible for paying for the student as well. This week is final week for all the proposed bills.

Superintendent Search- Feb. 21 at 5:15 pm will have a special board meeting to go over the data collected during focus groups and parent survey. Will be silent until end of March with interviews.

Positive Stories of the School Year- Westridge has a play coming up. Western Hills hosted the board workshop and meeting Feb. 14.

Adjourn 12:20 p.m.

Next meetings:

April 19 and May 17