

School-Community Network 2020-21

January 19, 2021

- I. Stephanie Horak Called the meeting to order
- II. iJAG--Katie Allison, iJag Instructor, and Shane Scott, Secondary Curriculum Director
 - A. Shared the history of the program adoption and funding
 - B. iJAG, Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates, creates business, industry and education partnerships committed to achieving the mission of JAG, which is to ensure that youth facing multiple challenges to graduation remain in school, attain basic employability skills through classroom and have work-based learning experiences.
 - C. Use Performance Outcomes--98.4% graduation rate, 94% positive outcomes
 - D. Project-Based Learning teaches the JAG core competencies through real-world application. Learning by Doing
 - E. Trauma Informed Care (TIC), all specialists are trained
 - F. Employer Engagement
 1. List of employers participating
 2. Connecting students to employers
 3. Building relationships
 4. Finding a circle three experience
 5. PBL Engagement
 6. Job Shadows/ Career Interest Shadow
 - G. Work-Based Learning Continuum: Classroom-Combination-Work Site
 - H. JAG Model: Employer Engagement, PBL, TIC--Create the JAG advantage or the Circle Three
 - I. iJAG Newsletter
 - J. This is a growing program at Valley High School
- III. Equity Update--Dr. [Anthony Ferguson](#), Executive Director of Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity
 - A. 6 Point Plan being implemented
 - B. 5 Phases of narrowing our focus--Gave update in all five phases
 - C. Growth Mindset vs Fixed Mindset--Carol Dweck, Stanford University
- IV. Open Forum--Dr. Lisa Remy, Superintendent
 - A. Overview of Long-Range Planning
 1. Reviewed the why for the need for budget reductions 2.5 to 3.5 million
 2. First meeting is tonight, 1/19/21
 3. Will ask SCN for feedback during the Feb meeting. Hoping to be down to two packages
 4. Board Workshops in Feb will give the Board update and give feedback from them
 5. Community will receive updates after each Board Workshop

6. Will be webinar for community update and feedback after each Board Workshop as well
- B. Return to Learn
1. Still watching district data and county data
 2. Have been using the lunchrooms more at the elementary level
 3. Second semester changes--70 to 72% to in person. Elementary stayed the same for staffing. Secondary looked to create sections all in person and some with online and in person while others may be just online.
- C. Update from Polk County Health
1. Educators are in 1b, which is the second group
 2. We are hearing possibly February for vaccines for staff
 3. Working through the process of how this will look.
 4. School nurses have been vaccinated
- D. WDM Foundation
1. Check was sent on apparel sales from 1st semester
 2. Will be disbursed to schools soon
 3. Will continue to work on workflow process in the future
 4. Foundation looking at giving an update each month and an update to SCN each month
- E. Virtual School
1. Schools can apply to become a virtual school
 2. Internal Conversations are going on and we are supportive of moving in that direction
 3. Still need to determine what levels may be included
 4. Need to look at interest in the community for this service
 5. Would be 100% virtual
 6. Right now only looking at resident students but could lead to any student in the state
- F. Governor's Message
1. School Choice was a big topic
 - a) Vouchers--public money to private schools
 - b) Open Enrollment opening up even more
 2. Wants a bill for 100% in person learning
 3. Updated on school funding for next year. Governor proposing 2.5%. Look at the Governor's website. Funding increase being proposed is very small for school districts considering added costs for COVID safety protocols and Technology for online learning.
- G. Feedback on Virtual Snow Day was given
- H. Took Questions in General
- V. Shared Good Things Going On In Buildings