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SIAC Meeting
November 7, 2023
6:30 PM
Bellevue MS/HS

1. Enrollment Update

Meyer reviewed the enrollment of the district and the overall continued growth. Sharing consisted of the trend line chart and the certified enrollment (with resident and non-resident students).

2. ISASP Results and Learning Discussion

- a. Education Needs for the Future
- b. Goals - Reading, Math, and Science
- c. Educational Progress through the Years

Discussion took place on ISASP scores and trends of students and grade levels over the last year and beyond. This also focused on the specific ELA, Math, and Science measurements.

Goals for the future focused on increasing the number of students each year in all grade levels who are proficient from one year to the next.

All students in the Bellevue CSD will increase their ISASP scores by a minimum of "one" in the 2024 testing for Math, ELA, and Science as documented and shared by the state of Iowa in comparison to the 2023 testing results.

Additionally, the group focused on the growth of students beyond the core academic areas. This included goals in the following broader areas:

- *Assisting students in developing a stronger "moral compass"*
- *Continuing CTE program enhancements in the district for students and expanding these to students (Industrial Tech program started as an "exploratory" for 8th-grade students this school year).*
- *Preparing for life after high school ("trade" careers specifically for males and females) that the Work-Based Learning Program is already assisting that Mr. Recker discussed*
 - *All sophomores attend a career day*
 - *All juniors attend the Jackson County Manufacturing Day at local industries.*

- CTE students attend a tour in the Quad Cities of John Deere, Amazon, and a local "non-chain" restaurant.
- Compassion and Understanding for students from staff and toward each other...recognizing the "Everyone has a Story" philosophy.
- Emotional Intelligence
- Exposure to Careers and People involved in careers through visits to work sites and visits to schools by people in various career areas.
- Improve communication and marketing about what the school offers students for their learning.

3. Facilities Update

Meyer shared an update on the new Bellevue Elementary School, including bids being put out in January, bids accepted in February, and construction starting in March 2024. The building will be completed by August 2025 for student attendance at the start of the school year.

4. Partnership with the Eastern Iowa Community College District

Meyer shared information from EICC and the Bellevue CSD on enrollment and performance of students in classes at EICC.

5. Student Behavior and Discipline Goals

a. Prepare for the Future

Those in attendance emphasized the need to focus on students treating each other respectfully and holding each other accountable. It was also noted that this needs to be a community focus where we all work together.

The goal is to decrease the number of students with bullying behaviors from the 2022-2023 to 2023-2024 school year. At this point, the student management data shows this as being accomplished.

A "Comet Connections" program each Friday "mixes" students into small groups for a variety of activities and discussions about school, society, and life in general. This allows students to communicate with students who are not in their normal social circles.

Staff receives training at the start of each year and then throughout the year at each quarter.

The mental health counseling staff also works with students and teachers on the harassment and bullying topic regularly, plus the elementary school has a program called "Challenge for Change" for students to "reflect" and grow their individual skills.

6. Brief CTE Updates

Meyer shared that the CTE-specific focus will be in the March 2024 meeting.

7. Other Comments and Questions

A question was raised about the impact of AI on learning. Meyer shared that the staff is having another professional learning time on Wednesday, November 8 with a representative from the AEA.

Meyer mentioned the need for a potential change in the design of SIAC to encourage more participation. An idea was to make it a "meal" for those in attendance and marketing more for the entire community.

In attendance:

Kent Clasen

Brett Ernst

Curt Ernst

Ryan Ernst

Andy Griebel

Mark Guenther

Sara Guenther

Jeanette Hartung-Schroeder

Matt Jaeger

Cris Kellogg

Taylor Kellogg

Virgil Murray

Gabe Recker

Jeff Recker

Janet Sieverding

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Michelle Taylor

Submitted by Tom Meyer