

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

April 22, 2021

4:30 p.m. – Room 214

Minutes

1. Welcome/Introductions

Those attending remotely: Laurel Klinkenberg,

Those attending in person: Shelley Arns, Roy Webb, Cheryl Vogler, Rachael Petty, Pat Arnold, Kim Dinkheller, Jody Steinke, Evie Morrison, Dan Sparrow, Brenda Fleeer, Mike McKinley, Debbie Husar, Herald Whig.

Shelley Arns recognized retiring Board Member Sheldon Bailey's contributions to Quincy Public Schools and his role in the development of the District Improvement Team. Sheldon was unable to be at today's meeting as he was attending his son's college graduation.

2. Questions and Comments from the Public

None

3. Committee Discussion Items

• 2021-2022 District Improvement Plan Overview

Mr. Webb provided an overview of the 2021-2022 District Improvement Plan. The plan has already been adopted by the School Board. He noted two new goals:

- Begin planning to implement community partnership and student career tech curriculum, instruction and placement.
- Plan and execute a leadership succession plan for senior leadership of QPS. Prepare the next QPS Superintendent.

School Improvement Plans will be reviewed at the June DIT meeting.

• New Course Proposals - QAVTC – Evie Morrison

- Social Media Marketing – 1st semester course – This class will help students understand the marketing rationale behind ads and decipher between legitimate ads and click bait.
- Sports & Entertainment Marketing – 2nd semester course – This class would teach students about sports and event marketing.
- Basic Agriculture Science- Full year course – This would be designed as an inclusion Ag Science Class. It would be a blend of the Agriculture department and the Cross-Cat Program and would count as a Cross- Cat science Credit.

• Additional Computer Application credit courses

- Digital Graphics
- Yearbook Journalism

Computer Applications instructors confirmed that the topics and skills covered in the proposed classes are similar to those covered in Computer Applications and meet the criteria for computer applications credit.

Shelley Arns asked for a motion to make a recommendation to the Board to approve the 3 QAVTC Course Proposals and to approve the proposal by QHS and QAVTC to allow the following courses to satisfy the Computer Application requirement for graduation:

- Digital Graphics
- Yearbook Journalism

A motion was made by Rachael Petty and seconded by Pat Arnold.

- **New Textbook Recommendation: QJHS Spanish, QHS German**
 - Course Title – Spanish 1 & 2 – Grade Level 7th and 8th - QJHS. 35 Hardback, this includes 35 online licenses and 70 additional online licenses.
 - Course Title – German – grades 9-12 – Hardback and Online

The texts will be available for review for 30 days at the Board Office.

Shelley Arns asked for a motion to recommend to the Board to approve the recommendation to review the following textbooks for purchase:

- Spanish – Senderos Level I -Vista Higher Learning
- German – Deutsch Akfuell – Publisher Carnegie Learning

A motion was made by Rachael Petty and seconded by Pat Arnold.

- **2021-2022 QHS Academy, QJHS Co-Teaching**
 - QHS Online Academy – is an online program that allows students to complete high school graduation requirements, mostly online. Edgenuity and Schoology will be the primary method for students to take classes. Students will be required to attend the Open Learning Center in the QHS Library to take tests and assessments. QHS will base enrollment decisions on student and parent feedback, teacher feedback, grades, credits, attendance, referrals and individual student strengths and needs.
 - QJHS CO-Teaching – Co-Teaching is currently implemented in grades 3-5 and at QHS. QJHS is the missing link. As an IL-Empower school, QJHS had the opportunity to receive a Primary Partner due to the Illinois Summative Designation of Targeted (2018). QJHS chose to partner with IL MTSS to focus on special education and have them provide professional development to support the implementation of a co-teaching model at QJHS. Brenda Fleeer reviewed the “why” behind co-teaching, what co-teaching is and isn’t, and the criteria used to establish co-teaching teams.

4. Recommend to the Board of Education for Action

Recommend to the Board to Approve the following new QAVTC Course Proposals:

- Social Media Marketing
- Sports and Entertainment Marketing
- Basic Agriculture Science

Recommend to the Board to Approve the proposal by QHS and QAVTC to allow the following courses to satisfy the Computer Application requirement for graduation:

- Digital Graphics
- Yearbook Journalism

Recommend to the Board to Approve the recommendation to review the following textbooks for purchase:

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Shelley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Pat Arnold and seconded by Rachael

Petty.

Next Meeting – June 24, 2021