

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

December 1, 2022

4:15 p.m. – Room 214

Minutes

1. Welcome/Introductions

Those attending in person: Shelley Arns, Sheldon Bailey, Todd Pet Rachael Petty, Kim Dinkheller, Erica Maynard, Cheryl Vogler, Laurel Klinkenberg, Jess Thorsen, Pat Arnold, Emily Pool, Janet Silas, Jody Steinke, Debbie Husar, Dr. Todd Porter.

2. Committee Discussion Items

Review November Annual DIT Reports

Illinois School Report Card

Kim Dinkheller reviewed the 2022 IL School Report Card. This reports on data from the 2021-2022 school year. Additions for 2022 include:

- School Summative Designations have returned – Kim explained how this is calculated and noted that QJHS is no longer a Targeted school.
- New CTE Measures
- Assessment Participation
- Teacher Certification Indicators

There was discussion on QPS graduation rate. Jody Steinke, QHS principal, shared that our 5- and 6-year graduation rates do go up, and these are available to view on the IL Report Card. Kim reviewed Student Growth and Student Proficiency rates for ELA, Math and Science and student participation in Career and Technical Education (CTE).

Student enrollment, attendance, absenteeism, mobility and chronic truancy were also discussed.

District ELL (English Language Learner) Report

Kim reviewed the criteria for determining if a student is ELL. She also compared the number of ELL students by year for the last 6 years and shared the languages spoken by our ELL families and students. Kim reviewed the ELL Program Components:

- Identification – Home Language Survey
- Screening – State Approved Screener
- Identified ELLS – use Traditional Program of Instruction (TPI)
- ACCESS Testing – Annual English Language Proficiency State Assessment – must achieve a certain score to pass.

Mike McKinley is the QPS ELL support liaison as well as a community liaison, providing assistance to families when they arrive in Quincy. Karen Agrimonti and Amber Whicker have also provided support to students.

3. Consider new/revised courses for 2023-2024 school year

Jody Steinke, QHS principal outlined the following course proposals and revisions:

- **Art Sequence: for the incoming 9th graders class of 2023-2024.**
 - Foundation of Art
 - Ceramics II (Pre-requisite: Foundation of Art, Ceramics I)
 - 3-D Art Studio – (Pre-requisite: Foundation of Art)

Chairman Arns asked for a motion to recommend the QHS Art Sequence Proposal to the Board for approval. A motion was made by member Bailey and seconded by member Silas.

- **Revision/Replacement Contemporary Lit/Non-Fiction English Course(s).**
 - Communication Arts Proposal – Students and teachers report that the current non-college bound English sentence does not meet the needs of students. This course will be a hybrid of online and in-person instruction and will focus on skills students need after high school and the type of reading, writing, speaking you might do in a job.

Chairman Arns asked for motion to recommend the QHS Contemporary Lit/Non-Fiction English course(s) proposal to the Board for approval. A motion was made by member Pool and seconded by member Petty.

- **Allow Business Tech Math to fulfill Consumer Education Requirement for Special Education Students**
- **Allow Business Technology Concepts to fulfill Computer Applications requirement**

Chairman Arns asked for a motion to recommend allowing Business Tech Math to fulfill the Consumer Education requirement for Special Education students. A motion was made by member Pool and seconded by member Arnold.

Chairman Arns asked for a motion to recommend allowing Business Technology Concepts to fulfill the Computer Applications requirement. A motion was made by member Bailey and seconded by member Pool.

4. Recommend to Board of Education for Action

- Recommend the QHS Art Sequence Course Proposal to the Board for approval.
- Recommend the Revision/Replacement Contemporary Lit/Non-Fiction English Course(s).
- Recommend allowing Business Tech Math to fulfill the Consumer Education requirement for Special Education students.
- Recommend allowing Business Technology Concepts to fulfill the Computer Applications requirement.

Consider any other matter relating to the District Improvement Process

5. Questions and Comments from the Public

Dr. Todd Porter, representing Literacy Advocates of West Central Illinois, provided comment and opinion on Orton-Gillingham Structured Literacy.

- A motion was made by member Pool and seconded by member Arns to adjourn the meeting.

1. Next meeting February 16, 2023