

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

June 15, 2023

4:15 p.m. – Room 214

Minutes

1. Welcome/Introductions

Committee Members: Todd Pettit, Kim Dinkheller, Erica Maynard, Shelley Arns, Rachael Petty, Sheldon Bailey, Janet Silas, Dennis Williams, Pat Arnold, Emily Pool

QPS Administrators: Marcey Wells, Brian Trowbridge, Brad Funkenbusch, Jim Sohn, Jason Fink, Sara Cramer, Amber Whicker, Jody Steinke and Chrissy Cox

Members of the Public: Macy Ferguson-Smith,, Dr. Todd Porter, Stephanie Stephens, Rhonda Lentz, Heidi Easterling and Deb Husar.

2. Committee Discussion Items

- **Annual Report: 2023-2024 School Improvement Plans Review**

Kim Dinkheller, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, reviewed the school improvement plans developed by administrators and staff for each building. The plans incorporate the district's overall improvement goals tied to student success, effective instruction, learning environment and partnerships through performance measures and school level tasks. The plans will be posted on QPS website and will be reviewed quarterly at each school.

Kim noted that all 5 elementary schools will have or have had the opportunity to attend the Ron Clark Academy.

- **K-5 Report Card Update**

Erica Maynard, Assistant Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment provided an update on the K-5 Report Cards. Kindergarten piloted a new report card in the 2022-2023 school year which uses a four-point scale three times a year to measure student understanding in social and emotional development, foundational reading skills, reading, writing, language and math. Erica said the feedback received was all positive, there is less assessment and more instruction time. First and fourth grade will pilot a new report card during the 2023-2024 school year. The remaining grades, second, third and fifth will pilot new report cards during the 2024-2025 school year. All elementary grades will use trimester reporting beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. Teacher and parent guides for the new report cards will be made available.

- **2023-2024 K-5 ELA and Math Curriculum Resource Pilot Update**

Staff will pilot Reveal Math and Illustrative Math and Benchmark Workshop and Savvas MyView during the 2023-2024 school year. The teachers at all grade levels who have volunteered will receive training during August. All materials for the pilot will align with state standards and will follow curriculum maps with fidelity.

Pilot teachers will provide feedback and collaborate with grade level teams to share the information they have learned.

- **2023-2024 District Improvement Team Meeting Dates**

Kim will send out the new calendar invites to committee members.

Member Arns asked for a motion to recommend the Math and ELA Curriculum Resource Pilot and the K-5 Report Card Pilot to the Board for approval. A motion was made by member Bailey and seconded by member Silas.

3. Recommend to the Board of Education for Action

- Approval for the Math and ELA Curriculum Resource Pilot
- Approval for K-5 Report Cards Pilot

4. Consider any other matter relating to the District Improvement Process

- Sheldon Bailey stated that this will be his last meeting on this committee as he and his wife will be moving out of town soon. Shelly Arns also noted that Laurel Klinkenberg will be leaving the committee as she is retiring from John Wood Community College and will be relocating to Iowa. Shelly noted that they will not need to replace Sheldon and Laurel's positions as we have enough community members on the committee to satisfy the requirement.

5. Questions and Comments from the Public

- Stephanie Stephens, QPS teacher, shared that she is excited about the pilots. She would like to see training in these new resources. She would also like to see an equity rubric to include all students.
 - Rhonda Lentz asked if reading levels will be on the new report cards. Reading levels will not be on the new report cards, but teachers will have to know the reading level in order to fill out the report card.
- **A motion was made by member Silas and seconded by member Pool to adjourn the meeting at 5:42.**