

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

November 30, 2023

4:15 p.m. – Room 214

Minutes

1. Welcome/Introductions

Committee Members: Shelley Arns, Pat Arnold, Rachael Petty, Emily Pool, Jess Thorsen, Cheryl Vogler, Todd Pettit, Kim Dinkheller, Erica Maynard

QPS Administrators, Teachers and Staff: Jody Steinke, Stephanie Stephens, Anna Oakley

Members of the Public: Debbie Husar.

2. Committee Discussion Items

- **Annual Report: IL School Report Card 2022-2023**

Kim Dinkheller, Director of Teaching and Learning, reviewed the 2023 IL School Report Card. The Report Card was released the end of October and is based on data from the previous school year, 2022-2023. She reviewed the new metrics that were added this year. Five of our eight schools are designated COMMENDABLE and two are TARGETED. ECFC does not receive a summative designation. Kim demonstrated how to navigate through the Report Card. There was discussion on student attendance and on how to best communicate to freshman the importance of completing enough credits each year to stay on track to graduate.

- **Annual Report: District ELL Report**

Kim reviewed eligibility criteria for a student designated as an English Language Learner (ELL). Kim noted that the district currently has 38 ELL students, the highest number in 8 years. She shared that QPS plans to hire a teacher for ELL students in the 2024-2025 school year. The students in the ELL program possess many different levels of proficiency, so the design of the program, K-12, is still being determined. Kim is in communication with other districts with similar sized ELL populations to see how their programs are set up. Kim reviewed the ELL Program Components:

- Identification – Home Language Survey at registration
- ELL Screening – State Approved Screening Process
- Identified ELLs – Traditional Program of Instruction (TPI)
- ACCESS Testing – Annual English Language Proficiency State Assessment

- **Progress Update: K-5 Math and Literacy Pilot, 1st and 4th grade Report Card Pilot**

Erica Maynard, Elementary Education Director PK-5 gave an update on the new trimester report card in first and fourth grades and on the K-5 pilots of four new math and literacy curriculums. She shared that the pilots

are going very well. Teachers are piloting Illustrative and Reveal Math and Benchmark and Savvas literacy curriculums. Erica shared teacher feedback from November on each of the pilots. Based on their feedback Illustrative Math and Benchmark scored higher. There are equal numbers of teachers piloting each new curriculum. Savvas will provide teachers with their new 2025 materials and platform in January of 2024.

3. **Recommend to the Board of Education for Action**

- None

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

- None

5. **Questions and Comments from the Public**

- None

Member Arns asked for a motion to adjourn at 5:32 pm. A motion was made by member Pool and seconded by member Petty.

Next Meeting February 22, 2024