

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

September 18, 2025

4:15 p.m. – Room 214

Minutes

1. Welcome/Introductions

Committee Members: Shelley Arns, Rachael Petty, Kim Dinkheller, Erica Maynard, Jessica Loos, Janet Silas, Dennis Williams, Jess Thorsen

QPS Staff:

Members of the Public: Dr. Todd Porter, Macy Ferguson-Smith, Gabby Esselman, KHQA Reporter

2. Committee Discussion Items

- **Summer School Report**

Kim Dinkheller, Director of Teaching and Learning, reviewed the Summer Academy K-12 programs and results. K-5 focus was on literacy and math; 6-8 focus was math, STEM and reading, and 9-12 focused on credit recovery, credit catch-up and new credits. QJHS changed their summer school offerings this year. They added two programs, Comet Boost and Comet Fuel, which were well received.

- **Teacher Retention Report**

Kim reviewed the 2024-2025 Teacher Retention Report

- **2025-2026 District ELL (English Language Learning) Report**

Kim reviewed the district English Language Learner (ELL) report. The number of ELL students served has been increasing each year, as well as the number of home languages represented. Kim reviewed the identification process for ELL students along with the screening and assessment processes. QPS offers resource hours for ELL students at QJHS and QHS as well as a student/family liaison for all grades. There is also a full-time ELL teacher at Rooney Elementary for K-5 students.

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 also commented on the District Improvement Team Schedule of Reports that was made available to team members.

Member Arns asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Petty made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by member Silas. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Next Meeting November 13, 2025