

## DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

September 19, 2024

4:15 p.m. – Room 214

Minutes

### 1. Welcome/Introductions

**Committee Members:** Shelley Arns, Rachael Petty, Emily Pool, Dr. Todd Pettit, Kim Dinkheller, Erica Maynard, Jess Thorsen, Pat Arnold, Jessica Loos

**School Administrators:**

**Members of the Public:** Debbie Husar, Macy Ferguson-Smith, Rhonda Lentz, Dr. Todd Porter

### 2. Committee Discussion Items

- **Summer School Report**

Kim Dinkheller, Director of Teaching and Learning reviewed the 2024 Summer School Report. Kim reviewed the daily schedule, number of students served, attendance rate and results for each summer school location. Non-public students also attended our summer school sessions. She noted our summer school programs are all grant funded except for traditional summer school courses at Quincy Senior High School.

Quincy Service League came to Summer Academy twice to read a book to students and each student received a book to keep. Also, Altrusa organized a school carnival for students, and each student took home a goodie bag. Kim shared the district's appreciation for both organizations and their involvement in our summer school program.

- **Teacher Retention Report**

Kim presented the Teacher Retention Report prepared by Lisa Otten, Director of Personnel, who was unable to attend tonight's meeting. The report provided comparison retention data for 2022-2023 versus 2023-2024. Data was broken down by school and number of certified staff and number of certified not returning for 2024-2025 or retiring.

- **2024-2025 District ELL (English Language Learner) Report 2024-2025**

Any student in Pre-K-12 whose home language background is a language other than English and who is not proficient in speaking, listening, reading and writing or understanding English is eligible for this intervention. ELL Enrollment numbers from 2016-2017 to 2024-2025 were presented to the committee as well as the current number of QPS ELL home languages. Students are identified by the home language survey, and then screened for speaking, listening reading and writing. If it is determined that they need support an action plan will be developed and they will be assessed each year using the ACCESS test to determine if they need to continue services.

This year there is a full time ELL/ESL teacher at Rooney. QJHS and QHS both have an ELL Resource Hour. The district has purchased Timekettle translation devices for students and school offices. Students will continue to receive PK-12 student/family liaison support as well as supplemental support, Rosetta Stone and IMSE Literacy Core/Intervention.

### 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**

- Ronda Lentz, parent, asked for clarification on items in the District and School Improvement Plans. She had questions about a new school boundary study and district funding to continue implementation for Ron Clark training and the two new curriculums for math and literacy.

Member Arns asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Petty made a motion to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by member Pool. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

**Next Meeting November 14, 2024**