



The Helena Public Schools educate, engage, and empower each student to maximize his or her individual potential with the knowledge, skills and character essential to being a responsible citizen and life-long learner.

Board of Trustees Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 4th, 2024

12:00pm

Lincoln Center & TEAMS

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: *Others:*

Kay Satre, Committee Chair
Rachel Robison, Trustee
Jennifer McKee, Vice Chair

Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff
Jane Shawn, HEA President
Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent
Justine Alberts, Curriculum Director
Ashlie Buresh, TOSA
Kayla Lunnon, TOSA
Candice Delvaux, Executive Assistant
Karen Ogden, Communications Officer
Kaitlyn Hess, Assessment and Federal Programs
Gary Myers, Director of Educational Technology
Lona Carter, Student Services Director
Todd Verrill, Facilities Director

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Teaching and Learning Committee Chair, Kay Satre.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

III. REVIEW OF AGENDA

No changes were requested to the agenda.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The committee reviewed and accepted the minutes from the 5.1.24 Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting.

V. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

A. Purpose of the T&L Committee This Year-Understand the Processes in Place At Each Level

Ms. Justine Alberts, Curriculum Director, shared the purpose of the Teaching and Learning Committee for this year. Ms. Alberts stated that when the Teaching and Learning Committee meets they will be provided with a snapshot of what is happening in buildings across the district and to discuss topics such as WIN groups, instructional framework, PDSA cycles, curriculum, scope and sequence at different levels, what students are learning and how they are performing along with anything else the Teaching and Learning Committee may want to review and discuss. The Trustees mentioned that they appreciate being able to get some specific snapshots of things that are happening in domains in addition to certain broader frameworks and data information.

B. Review of the Action Plan & Data: Revisit Any Questions or Big Ideas

The Teaching and Learning Committee reviewed the updated Helena Public Schools District Action Plan and Data. The action plan begins with student achievement goals. The Helena Public Schools is committed to the success of every student. These action plan goals are built around critical benchmarks in each state of a student's education, tracking progress and growth to ensure students are on a trajectory for success. Next, the Teaching and Learning Committee reviewed action plan steps and goals. Each goal includes a reference to effect sizes from John Hattie's Visible Learning: The Sequel (2022). They have aligned influential instructional and systematic strategies to emphasize the importance of each goal and outline the research that supports this plan. The Teaching and Learning Committee had a robust discussion about MAST testing in the district and the use of testlets, as well as professional development time in the district. Ms. Justine Alberts, Curriculum Director, and Ms. Kaitlyn Hess, Assessment and Federal Programs, answered any questions the Teaching and Learning Committee had regarding the action plan.

C. Introduce New TOSAS: Purpose of Their Efforts and Work This Year In Terms of Teacher Support, Planning, and Systematic Sustainability (Look at Implementation Timeline)

Ms. Alberts introduced the TOSAs for this year. Ms. Melissa Romano's special assignment is supporting the K-5 math curriculum implementation. Ms. Ashlie Buresh is a half-time TOSA, and her special project is supporting K-8 literacy. Ms. Kayla Lunnon is also half-time TOSA and her

special project is working with 6-12 on systems, new assessments, and math. Ms. Alberts answered any questions the Teaching and Learning Committee had regarding TOSAS.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

The trustees expressed their appreciation for the hard work it takes for everyone in the district to prepare for the start of the school year and their appreciation of what was presented today at the meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m. by Trustee Kay Satre.