

<b>RSU 54/MSAD 54</b>
<b>Educational Policy/Program Committee</b>
<b>MINUTES</b>
<b>January 16, 2018</b>
<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM</b>

**Committee:** Amy Rouse – Chair, Maryellen Charles – Vice-Chair, Jeannie Conley, Tim Downing, Derek Ellis, Goff French, Desiree Libby, Peggy Lovejoy, Lynda Quinn, Dixie Ring

**Also in Attendance:** Brent Colbry, Kathy Dorko, Lilly Doty, Debbie Primmerman, Nina Pleasants, Jon Moody

**1. District ELL (English Language Learners) Program**

Kathy Dorko, who was joined by tutors Lilly Doty, Debbie Primmerman, and Nina Pleasants, shared an overview of the MSAD 54 ELL program. Kathy shared the highlights of the program which included a focus on providing both academic support as well as ongoing personal and family connections and support and advocacy for the students. Some successes shared included a 100% graduation rate, and high college going rate for students who matriculated through the program since the mid 1990's.

**2. District Homeless Structure**

The Committee reviewed the MSAD 54 structure to address financial and transportation needs related to homelessness. The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the elements of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act that relates to Homeless Student issues.

**3. PBE Implementation Update**

The Assistant Superintendent updated the Committee on the District's efforts to meet the State Proficiency Graduation law. This update included a review of upcoming professional development as well as an update on the work of the Elementary Report Card Committee, which is finalizing its work on a revised elementary report card for the 2018-19 school year.

#### **4. Policy GCGB (Arrangements for Professional Staff Substitutes)**

The Committee reviewed and recommended a revision of Policy GCGB. The revised policy tasks the Superintendent with establishing substitute rates annually and sharing that information with the School Board.

**RECOMMENDATION: That the Board support and adopt revised Policy GCGB, as written.**

#### **5. Dual-Enrollment Project**

The Committee chose to table the presentation on this project hoping that staff from SAHS might be available to share their efforts as part of the project.

#### **6. Future EPPC Items**

- Additional policy review
- ER Gifted and Talented Program Presentation
- Presentation of SAHS Exchange Student Program
- Review and adoption of graduation standards for Health & PE, Visual & Performing Arts, World Languages, and Career Education