

Student Achievement Committee Meeting
April 10, 2014

Committee Members in Attendance: Bill Fletcher, Tom Benton, Christine Kushner, Jim Martin, Susan Evans, Zora Felton, Monika Johnson-Hostler, Kevin Hill. **Staff Members:** Dr. Merrill, Cathy Moore, Marvin Connelly, Todd Wirt, Kathy Chontos, Clinton Robinson, Brian Pittman, Dawn Dawson, Dr. Bunch, John Williams, Catherine Trudell, Wendy Carlyle, Tim Locklear, Sherry Matheson, Darryl Hill, Bill Poston, Tim Simmons, Renee McCoy, Lloyd Gardner, Wendy Clark.

Agenda Item 1: Review and Approve April minutes

- Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm, and a quorum was established.
- The March SAC minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 2: Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) Grant overview

- Program funded from a John Rex Endowment Grant, awarded at \$2 million.
- Parenting program that targets the maltreatment of birth to 5 age children.
- It is a train the trainer school program model.
- All of the different providers/partners have regular contact with the birth to 5 age children that attend our schools are combining efforts to provide common language, practices and training for parents.
- The Division of Public Health aids the program by funding a state wide campaign aimed at bringing to the forefront awareness and support of parenting.
- The program serves families in all Raleigh zip codes with economic need being first consideration.
- Staff will bring a larger overview of Project Enlightenment to SAC at a later date to provide information about the services offered now.

Agenda Item 3: Advanced Placement – Increasing Opportunities and Support for Rigor

- Need to improve and expand teacher Professional Development using Race to the Top funds.
- School can establish a separate AP Department and Department Chair at school level.
- AP Department can expand teacher leadership within the school.
- Practice of AP teachers also teaching entry level courses to understand the needed rigor and increase through entry level courses.
- Tim Locklear, Principal and previous AP, Emily Mountford, gave overview of Holly Springs HS pilot program.
- A plan to implement an articulation model in the middle school level at Holly Ridge MS for 6-12 grade alignment to focus on practices and skills that can support Honors/AP course prep for all middle school students.
- DPI has developed a rigor rubric and our district has asked honors teachers to do a portfolio that is being given to DPI as evidence of rigor.
- Our district has been invited by the College Board to participate in the AP Capstone program.
- A number of colleges are welcoming this comprehensive approach.
- Capstone has an allowance for economically challenged students.
- Important for students to be given the opportunity to graduate college in 3 years and save expenses, loans etc.
- Using innovative ways to market and change student mindsets.
- Weighted GPA was started to introduce incentives to students for college rigor.

Agenda Item 4: AIG – Bright Ideas program overview

- Bright idea is a multi-phase nurturing initiative that began in WCPSS with a grant several years ago.
- It is an intentional framework for planning for what instruction should look like.
- The expansion of the program is already built into the budget request.
- Staff will look at the data from schools, target resources and programming towards the schools with the lowest identified sub groups and highest gaps.
- Would like to target as many as 16 ES-build among schools and principals and begin with 2-3 ES.

Agenda Item 5: Closure and next steps – future meetings

- Future meeting discussion items: develop a definition of rigor for the Board, AP vs. IB, and weighted GPA.
- May 8 and June 12 meeting dates may need to be changed.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm.

Bill Fletcher, Student Achievement Committee Chair

Christine Kushner, Board Chair

Cathy Q. Moore, Staff Representative

Julie H. Ward, Recording Secretary