

Meeting Notes #5: Curriculum/ Special Education/ Technology Committee

from November 16th – Zoom-

Attendance:

Crystal Hopkins

Allison Silverstein

Kathryn Weller-Demming

District Guest: Dr. Kalisha Morgan

- Welcome/Check In
- Equity, curriculum and instruction follow up:
 - RTI Steps, Process and Producer have been updated and formalized
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 - Analyze data from assessments
 - Analyst from acadience reading has advised that this is a new assessment that while we need to digest the data we shouldn't jump off the deep end. The data has shown that our students in Kindergarten, 1st and 6th grade are showing concern based on assessments. These are significant transition years both remote and hybrid learning have stressed learning for those students.
 - ECL Department will be working with the data analyst from acadience to effective analysis data to then train teachers to analyze data. Encourage data driven instruction.
- Professional development
 - Acadience Reading
 - This PD had to happen in two sections costing the district additional funds because of the lack of subs to cover the initial one day training.
 - Science of Reading
 - Training on how to effectively teach best practices for reading. This work will potential take three years to complete. Starting with K-2 but looking to train the complete district.
- Social Emotional Learning
 - Each school has their own SEL team (made of teachers, counselors, principles etc) that are currently going through monthly training with Rutgers Behavioral Health coach to train the teams on how to implement SEL strategies within their buildings.
 - Elementary/Middle School has guidance counselor/SAC check in's as well as places around the building that are all for students to indicate how they may be feeling.
 - High School working to address the social emotional health

Math/Reading Interventionist Position

- 1 Math/1 Reading per building
- Provide Support to Teachers
 - Review data and map out a plan for effective strategies for students in need of intervention.
 - Provide training for staff to implement strategies within the classroom.
- Provide Support to Students
 - Also be able to run instruction for small groups

Potential Idea:

- Removing Midterms from High School
 - Creating annual wellness event during midterms
 - “A catch up day”
 - Prep Rally (End of the year event)
 - Health Training Day (CPR etc)
 - Job Fair/College Fair
 - Possible District wide Wellness Week
- Town hall on Subs at Road Map

Next Meetings

December 15th 2022

January 13th 2022