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Student Learning and Support Services

Strategic Plan Update

Interim Superintendent Dr. Paul Hertel provided the Board with an update regarding the district's strategic plan process that will be facilitated by Consortium for Educational Change (CEC). The first meeting will be in late January. The strategic plan committee will be made up of stakeholders that include former District 62 students, staff, Board members and community members. The process includes examining the district's mission, vision, and values, helping to identify long-range goals, and creating critical strategy action plans. Dr. Hertel provided the Board an overview of the [website](#) that will include pertinent information regarding the process, the timeline and current district goals.



Monitoring of Board/District Goals

Interim Superintendent Dr. Paul Hertel provided the Board and community with a report highlighting progress to date made with the district goals that were adopted by the Board of Education in August of 2016.

Goal 1: All staff will possess the skills to lead, teach, assess and support students across all subgroups to engage in daily complex learning that leads to academic growth, achievement and future readiness for high school, college, career and beyond.

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Assessment Literacy: Ongoing support to principals and their building Teacher Leaders about various assessments and how these data are relevant to the new mandates within ESSA.

November 9th Mini-Conference: Teachers led professional learning sessions on topics related to their personal expertise for their colleagues.

Family Fun Night: District 62's Family Fun Night held at Algonquin Middle School was a success. Over 700 kids and family members joined us to celebrate the home - school connection. Keynote speaker Dr. Lourdes Ferrer returned to District 62 and this time focused on the importance of literacy in children's lives and how families can support their children as lifelong learners.

Principal Instruction: Principals have been developing common classroom "look-fors" of best practice that they focus on when visiting classrooms. This information is then used to develop professional learning that is targeted to our community's needs.

Professional Learning Community (PLC) Mondays: PLC Mondays have focused on supporting literacy teachers with the implementation of their new language arts materials kindergarten through eighth grade. In addition, elementary teachers have analyzed the results of their D62 math performance tasks. Middle school teachers have continued to engage in a professional learning community focused on the implementation of effective 80 minute class sessions.

Instructional Coaching: Instructional coaches have begun deepening their learning of a coaching model called "Student-Centered Coaching" by the educator Diane Sweeney. In this approach, coaches partner with teachers around student learning outcomes and, together, devise a 4-6 week cycle of coaching support to ensure students learn the standards.

Middle School Redesign: The Middle School Committee met throughout the fall to continue to address the needs pertaining to the middle school redesign process. Currently, the focus is on ensuring the daily schedule is as optimal as possible for our schools.

Goal 2: Every school will provide a safe, secure, supportive, caring, and healthy learning environment for students and staff that will lead to the development of social emotional learning competencies for students as well as health and wellness for staff.

Restorative Practices Professional Development: Dr. Charlene Myklebust is working with several schools to provide training on restorative practices.

District Safety Committee Meeting: The District Safety Committee met to discuss current 2017-2018 safety priorities on October 17, 2017. Current safety procedures were reviewed and individual building safety needs were identified including examining our current building communication systems and determining whether or not installation of cameras at the middle schools is feasible.

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School Safety Conference: The Director of Transportation and Director of Community Relations attended a statewide School Safety Conference in September. The conference focused on Measuring up to 21st Century Preparedness and featured keynote speaker Michele Gay, the mother of 1st grader lost in the Sandy Hook tragedy. The conference featured the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, Linden Oaks Hospital, FBI and local police department.

Goal 3: *The district will efficiently and effectively manage financial resources to support the mission of the district.*

New Financial Suite: The transition to the new Tyler Infinite Visions Financial Suite started in June of 2017 with a “go-live” date of January 8, 2018. Additional transition to the full features of the Infinite Visions Financial Suite will take place over the summer of 2018.

Goal 4. *Enhance communications and engagement amongst stakeholders -- parents, students, staff and community -- to continue to build trust, relationships and confidence in the school district.*

Communications Survey: The district conducted a communication survey in fall of 2017. The Interim Superintendent, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Accountability and Director of Community Relations participated in a conference call to discuss and review the initial findings that included quantitative and qualitative assessments. Next steps will include a thorough review of the results that includes development of key themes and possible action steps for consideration.

Winter Card Contest: The district announced the winner of its annual winter card contest in late November. As has been done in years past, the district invited local community organizations and school district members to serve as judges.

District Website: The district website redesign is approaching completion. All school websites were updated as well as the Board of Education’s webpage. A few department web pages as well as the new Superintendent’s website await completion.

Strategic Plan: The district will begin the strategic plan process this year with the expectation to bring a draft before the Board in May. The committee will be made up of former District 62 students, staff, parents and community members.

Proposed Revisions to 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 School Year Calendars

Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Laura Sangroula presented proposed school calendars for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

A District Calendar Committee with representatives from all eleven schools, the Des Plaines Education Association, Human Resources, and Instructional Services met twice to develop the calendar. The district works hard to align as closely as possible with District 207’s calendar in order to accommodate family’s schedules.

Mrs. Sangroula shared the 10-month [2018-2019 draft calendar](#) and [2019-2020 draft calendar](#) as well as Iroquois Community School’s [2018-2019 draft calendar](#) and [2019-2020 draft calendar](#). The Board will vote to approve these calendars in February.

Communications

Board of Education

James Poskozim reminded the Board of the ED-RED annual legislative dinner on January 29.

Sharon Lynch reminded the Board that the District 62 Education Foundation will host its first Chess Tournament beginning at 9 a.m., on January 20 at Iroquois Community School. The event is open to the community and cost will be \$5.

In addition, Sharon shared that the Foundation will hold its annual benefit on March 9. The theme is country western and features band Decoy Prayer Meeting. The Foundation continues to seek donations in the form of gift cards and gift baskets. Tickets cost \$60. If you wish to register, make a donation or for more information, visit www.d62foundation.com

Beth Morley reminded the Board of the upcoming IASB North Cook Division Dinner on March 21.

Stephanie Duckmann announced that IASB is hosting the Equity Event in Lisle on April 28.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Hertel shared that District 62 will host the Google Summit on January 20 and 21 at Algonquin Middle School. The Saturday session is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday session is 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Approximately 120 people have registered.

ABC Channel 7 visited Algonquin Middle School on January 12 as part of author Fern Schumer Chapman's visit to the school where she shared her mother's journey to America as a young immigrant.

Dr. Hertel commended the hard work from the business and human resource departments as part of the Infinite Vision financial suite transition.