

Educational Services Advisory Committee
November 13, 2017
12:30-2:30
Douglas Education Service District, Douglas Room

ESAC Objectives:

- Share curriculum/instructional resources with colleagues.
- Report success of implementation of instructional strategies/curriculum.
- Discuss and support state-wide initiatives.
- Discuss and share early learning initiatives and strategies.
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Members/Guests Present:

Facilitator:

Analicia Nicholson, DESD Director of Educational Services
Kelli Fife, Administrative Assistant

Members present:

Lea Bates – Winston Dillard SD
Rob Boye – Winston Dillard SD
Debbie Foley – Sutherlin SD
Debra Thiessen – Roseburg SD
Mark Angle – Days Creek SD
Kristina Haug – Glide SD
Patrick Lee – Camas Valley SD
Robert Emmerson – Roseburg SD
Kelly Campbell – Yoncalla SD

Meeting started at 12:30 pm

Welcome/Introductions:

Committee members reviewed agenda for additions, if needed. No items were added.

- **Review Minutes**
 - October 2017 minutes were approved.
- **Amended Agenda**
 - No amendments needed
- **Instructional Services Report**
 - Both **Instructional Technology** and **Engaging Students with Poverty in Mind** work groups have started. There is an estimated 25 participants in each. Only one session has occurred and there are still spots available.
 - The **science workgroup** is occurring monthly, after school and is focused on STEAM and how to integrate technology and math into science.
 - The **writing workgroup** has tentative dates, March 15 and 16, 2018, with the first day being for elementary and the second for secondary. Analicia is hoping to secure Yolanda Wesenberg, who is currently working in Yoncalla to be the instructor again.

Analia is also looking at the budget to cover one more substitute for teachers attending.

- The Administrator strand is a less formal variation from last year. Marty Gary is facilitating and hosting a morning breakfast meeting every other month. There are between 10 and 12 participants. They have been collaborating among the county's districts and sharing what is going well and what they may need help with in their district.
- **Guest Speakers**
 - **Peer Mentoring – Larry Safley, Executive Director of Common Ground Mediation**
 - Larry Safley is the Executive Director of Common Ground Mediation, a non-profit organization that helps mediate a number of different judicial, small claims and works with courts, workplaces and schools. They are currently working on a grant funded, peer mediation program at Phoenix. They provided students, aged 14 to 18 years old. The training course for students was 32 hours and took place over two school semesters. Common Ground Mediation is interested in working with other middle and high schools to provide training for youth mediation programs. For more information and to access the Peer Mediation video, please visit the following website:
Commongroundmediation.org
 - **Dental Program – Melissa Garza Schmidt-HKOP Program Lead**
 - The Healthy Kids Outreach Program through the Mercy Foundation, currently serves 31 schools, on-site, in Douglas County. Last year, they served about 8,000 students and gave out an equal number of dental kits. They brought a variety of different stations that they set-up at the schools, which are hands-on and are designed for Kindergarten through third grade and up through high school students. The program relies on volunteers to successfully run and requires six volunteers per school event. Many of their volunteers are parents, grandparents, nursing and dental students from UCC and volunteers from Umpqua Bank. The different stations help to ease clinical anxieties for students. For those who need extra dental work, there is an assigned individual that contacts the parents.
- **Information Items**
 - **Workgroups/Trainings**
 - Essential skills training will be held at the Willamette ESD in Salem. Reading and writing will be held the first week of December and math will be the first Monday in December. The fee for each training is \$25
 - Counselor training on functional behavior assessment was mentioned. Analia will contact Alison Hinson for dates and details and update the group in December.
- **State Initiatives**
 - **ESSA Training held in October**
 - Day one focused on ELL, day two on Title One & Two
 - **Title 1 and 2**

- Does it help kids move on to next level, needs assessment, wide open if you can answer these two questions.
 - **Title 2A**
 - School wide 40% poverty threshold can be waived. Opens up middle and high school, since the free and reduced is harder to count there.
 - Title 2A highly qualified no longer exists. But you do have to ensure that they meet the state licensing requirements.
 - No HQ plan submitted.
 - **Title 4**
 - Student support and academic enrichment, certain percentage needs to be spent in certain areas.
- **Evaluation Systems:**
 - Educators must set two goals: category two and three.
 - For counselors without academic testing, goals can be set using data.
 - For administrators there must be one academic goal and a school-wide system goal.
 - Checklist still exists.
 - SLG scoring rubric is no longer required by the state anymore.
 - Districts are not required to use matrix.
- **Dyslexia Training**
 - Documents on dyslexia from Sarah Drinkwater caused some confusion in September. On the bottom of the document it lists training requirements and screening requirements. All students must be screened in K-1st grade. This screening must include:
 - phonological awareness
 - rapid naming skills
 - letter sounds correspondence
 - You need to also take family history IF the student shows risk factors.
 - The goal is to make sure that dyslexic students have the support and a knowledgeable resource on site.
 - One specialist per school must be trained in all three training sessions.
 - The ESD has booked Barbara Steinberg to train Douglas County school staff.
 - \$750 per teacher for six days of training
 - Limited to 40 spots
 - Grant for Dyslexia in the amount of \$2450 per k-5 schools should show up in the next couple of months. This amount should more that cover the \$750 in addition to a substitute for the six days.
 - After training, attendees will work as resource. There is concern that attendees will be required in the future to complete certain duties that would be difficult for classroom teachers to complete.
 - There is also concern about the amount of referrals once this training is completed and how this will effect special education services. Concern for flood of referrals from teachers. A process needs to be put in place.

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- **Health and PE Standards & Adoption**
 - ODE will be organizing Regional caravans. One will take place in Salem on November 30th and one will take place in Medford on December 1st. The morning will provide Professional Development for teachers and will cover legal requirements for health education, including sexual health and Physical Education, unpacking the new standards, equity and best practices. The afternoon session will be publisher presentations.
 - The question was asked in September if districts would like the ESD to bring in books all books and host for the month for teachers to come in and look at them. The consensus is that the ESD will bring in books for teachers to view. This will take place mid-January through mid-February.
- **Regional Initiatives**
 - **Attendance initiative**
 - Analicia and Michael were approached about including all superintendent on an initiative that many schools are already participating in, “Strive for Five” or “Give Me Five”; both of which are programs designed to encourage students to have less than five absences per school year. Students are given awards including trips to the movies, skating, etc. per quarter for less than five absences. There has also been talk about bringing Ford Family Foundation in to head research concerning attendance, what is causing it, etc.
 - The biggest obstacle for participating districts is keeping the elementary principals motivated to promoting and motivating their students.
 - There is consensus that an overall, consistent message throughout the county is a great idea.
 - **Eric Jensen Follow-up**
 - App. 700 educators present
 - 9 SD sent every certified staff
 - 4 SD sent leaders to training
 - All 13000 students were represented by at least one adult.
 - All 10000 students were represented by all teachers
 - Organization, set up and flow was great.
 - Loved comradery of all county schools
 - The ESD has a video recording of Eric Jensen’s presentation that district staff who were unable to attend can view.

Next ESAC meeting is scheduled for January 8th 2018 from 12:30-2:30 at the Douglas ESD.

