



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Continuous Systemic Improvement Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Online

Committee Members Present: Anthony Bennie, Lucinda Defreitas, Ryan McLain, David Montrose, John Miller, William Ribble, Denis Ryan, Amanda Smelker, Dr. Michele Stork

Absent: Warren Baucom, Brian Rasnick,

School Board Liaison: Gwynetta Gittens

Staff Members Present: Cindy McClung, Director, Continuous Improvement

Recording Secretary: Julie Holcomb

Guests:

Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Michele Stork at 6:08 p.m.

Board Member Report

Ms. Gittens noted that we are moving right along with educating students. This Friday is the final opportunity for parents to switch students in face-to-face or Home Connect to the other option. Lee Virtual is still only available for a switch at the semester.

Earlier this week there were around 2,000 students coming back to the schools, and fewer than 100 leaving the schools to move to Home Connect.

There is a teaching shortage nationwide, and as students come back, the parents need to understand the situation and that opening another classroom to accommodate students may not be an option right away. The District is actively seeking individuals to fill our open teaching positions.

During the EDAC Committee Meeting held on October 13, 2020, the staff provided great information regarding the models for students. Ms. Gittens encouraged committee members to review the first half of the meeting, which can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xf-Q2OxiKgw>.

We are in challenging times, and the teachers are providing wonderful support to our students.

Ms. Gittens encouraged committee members to watch the Board workshops and Board briefings. The District is finalizing budgets and capital improvement plans, during a time while financing from the State is a challenge.

District policies will be reviewed at the upcoming meeting on Monday.

The elections are taking place in November, and the Board reorganization will take place after the elections.

Ms. Gittens stated that we still have learning and education taking place...be sure to thank a teacher!

Review and Approval of Agenda and Previous Month's Meeting Minutes

The October 14, 2020 meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

The September 16, 2020 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

N/A

Committee Member Introductions

Cindy McClung had the committee members introduce themselves, as the committee was fortunate to obtain a couple of new members for the 2020-2021 school year.

EnVision 2030 Objective 1: Increase Student Success

The presentation for the evening was selected based on the results from the survey that committee members participated in after the September meeting.

Curriculum & Instruction Department

- Director for Elementary Curriculum & Instruction – Dr. Bethany Quisenberry
- Director, Secondary Curriculum & Instruction (Middle School) – Lori Houchin
- Director, Secondary Curriculum & Instruction (High School) – Candace Allevato

Dr. Quisenberry started the presentation by asking committee members to submit their expectation/goal for the session into the Zoom chat box. A copy of the saved *Zoom chat* is provided at the end of the meeting minutes.

Planning for Instruction – Candace Allevato

Ms. Allevato reviewed the enrollment statistics in each instructional model, along with some of the shifts taking place at the end of the quarter.

Support is being offered to schools through PLCs, as well as weekly Zoom Office Hours to allow teachers to ask questions and obtain needed information.

The District purchased Nearpod to support student engagement and accountability. This platform is a “game changer” and allows students to engage with the online content.

Each content area has leads from their schools that are trained in best practices, and this information is shared at monthly Leading & Learning sessions.

Professional development has been provided in iReady and the adopted curriculum resources.

Best practices have been shared with Principals and Assistant Principals to provide support to staff.

The Lee Home Connect Task Force timeline was reviewed, as well as the webpage that was developed by the task force to provide a view of what the Home Connect model would look like for students.

Resources and professional development continue to be provided through a single source webpage.

Resources for Instruction – Dr. Quisenberry

The technology resources in the District are being used by Home Connect and face-to-face classrooms.

A Primary Literacy Coach is now in place in all elementary schools to assist with supporting students.

Ms. Houchin reviewed the secondary ELA resources that are available, and the process for providing formative assessments to students to ensure students are meeting the standards.

All Curriculum Maps contain feedback forms, and an example of the Q&A's submitted and Google Classrooms are available for teachers to obtain needed information.

Dr. Quisenberry reviewed LightSpeed where teachers can see all of the student screens, and view use of math manipulatives in lessons.

The resources created for secondary Math and how the data is being used to assist students was reviewed.

Elementary science is very hands-on. Three live investigations are held weekly, students are logged in, and the session is interactive. Last week over 4,000 students logged in to participate. The lab is demonstrated, and has been keeping the students engaged with the science curriculum.

Nearpod – daily lessons have been built for every instructional guide for the teachers. It is similar to PowerPoint, but operates in an interactive mode. Teachers have a view and control the presentation on the student's screen, and the student view provides access to participate virtually. Students are forced to stay together for the presentation, but can complete the assignment on their own.

Nearpod is the only resource that required new training for teachers. The resources that were proven effective during the virtual learning that took place at the end of the 2019-2020 school year were highlighted in the instructional guides as they were updated.

Progress Monitoring

All of our tested areas report some sort of formative assessment, twice a quarter, which provides a measure of how the student is doing.

District Progress Monitoring uses STAR and iReady. Baseline data was recently completed, and data will be shared with the Board next week, and the department is excited to share with the Board that despite the current challenges and reinvention of education taking place, we are closing the achievement gap.

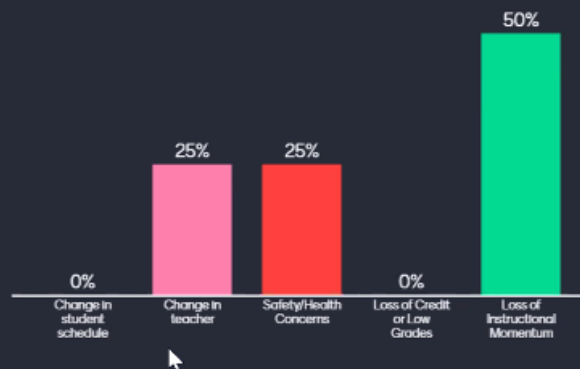
Ms. Gittens noted that when it comes time to contact legislators, a community voice will be needed to urge them to reconsider conducting assessments/testing.

Mr. Ryan suggested getting principals and teachers involved in the process.

Dr. Quisenberry activated a survey for the committee members to complete, and the results are noted below:



What considerations do you think will be most important for students transitioning back to the face-to-face instructional model?



Good of the Order

Dr. Stork discussed the presentation and how the CSI Advisory Committee can use this information as it relates to the District Strategic Plan.

Ms. Gittens suggested that this information would be used for the review of the District Strategic Plan during the reorganization. Ms. McClung outlined the process for updates and presentations. The CSI Committee is charged with providing recommendations on how the information presented tonight can be communicated with the community.

Mr. Ribble suggested working through the Florida League of Cities to assist with contacting legislators.

Ms. McClung asked if Ms. Gittens could give an overview of the Board Priorities at the next CSI Advisory Committee Meeting.

Mr. Ryan suggested involving PTAs and other school groups to assist with getting out the information and importance of this topic.

Ms. McClung commended the presenters tonight and the work that took place by them and their teams to get schools open and provide the resources to ensure a smooth transition under the current situation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Zoom Chat

6:16:26 PM	From John Miller : aye
6:16:42 PM	From Anthony Bennie : aye
6:17:11 PM	From Anthony Bennie : aye
6:17:12 PM	From John Miller : aye
6:26:23 PM	From DR'slpad : I would like to see what LCSD is doing for CTE fir those who are not college bound.
6:26:29 PM	From Gwynetta Gittens : Better understand where we are currently, academically with our Strategic Plan.
6:26:32 PM	From Ribble : Understand the process from the teachers view to achieve "Academic Success"!
6:26:33 PM	From John Miller : to learn more about student achievement and how the district is working to define what achievement mean and how to measure that achievement.
6:26:37 PM	From Anthony Bennie : For tonight, I just want to listen and learn!
6:26:38 PM	From Michele Stork : I would like to know what indicators are being used to measure achievement of the goals listed in the Envision 2030 related to student success.
6:26:55 PM	From Amanda Smelker : Understand how student success is measured. Are their multiple key indicators?
6:27:03 PM	From Gwynetta Gittens : How are we dealing with Achievement Gap?
6:58:45 PM	From Gwynetta Gittens : How does Nearpod work with teachers that have hybrid classes?
6:59:55 PM	From Allevato, Candace : @Gittens - they have a classroom code that the students log in with. Then they access via chromebook
7:00:42 PM	From Amanda Smelker : What has the adoption rate been for many of these new resources? Are the teachers embracing it? There are so many, it seems overwhelming.
7:08:03 PM	From Anthony Bennie : Are all of these resources available equally to face to face students during classes as they are to Lee Connect students?
7:08:25 PM	From Lori Houchin : Hi, Yes. The resources are being used for all models of instruction.
7:08:49 PM	From Anthony Bennie : Thanks Lori
7:10:14 PM	From Allevato, Candace : https://www.menti.com/x7kcsuxnsx
7:27:12 PM	From Anthony Bennie : Woul CSI Committee members be able to access the instructional resources discussed this evening so we can see all of this great material ourselves?
7:28:07 PM	From Quisenberry, Dr. Bethany : We will send to Cindy to share.
7:28:21 PM	From Anthony Bennie : Also it would be valuable to know the distribution of returning students by grade and city?
7:28:32 PM	From Anthony Bennie : returning to face to face I mean

2020-2021 Meeting Schedule

September 16, 2020 (Online via Zoom)

October 14, 2020 (Online via Zoom)

November 11, 2020 (Online via Zoom)

January 13, 2021 (Location: Lee County Public Education Center – Room TBA)
February 10, 2021(Online via Zoom)
March 10, 2021 (Online via Zoom)
April 14, 2021(Online via Zoom)

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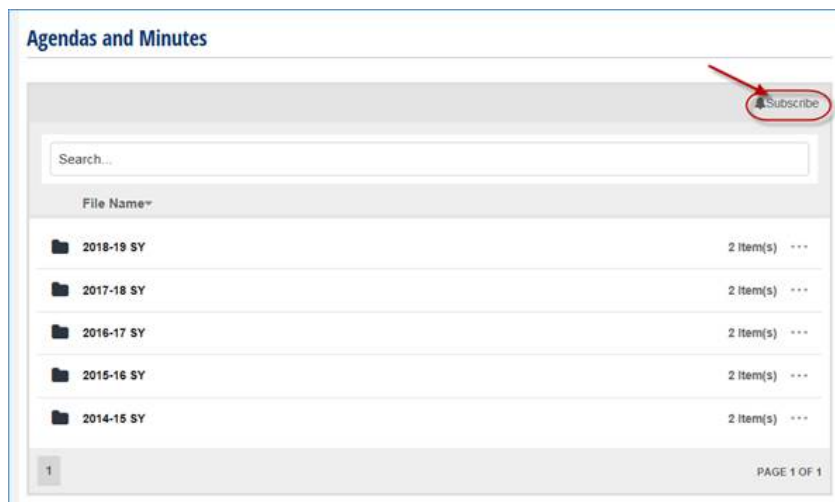
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