Model Lab School SBDM Minutes

August 28, 2014

Mark Cornette, assistant director called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. Members present were Joey Lindon, James Dantic, Scott Johnson, David Stone, Brittany Wray, Jasmine Spata, Amanda Collier, Jeremy Newell, Teri Giles, Sarah Shaffer, and Annie Kipp, and Dr. Althauser

Welcomed new minority representatives.

The agenda for August was approved
The minutes from July were approved

Gifted Services Plan

- Last update was 2001. Handed out Plan Summary of Identification Procedures for members to review. Mainly changes with test names, mimics madison county’s plan. Dantic had a question about procedural safeguard and grievance question number 2: parents can come to SBDM and ask for different services to meet their child’s needs, if they feel their child isn’t being serviced property. Parents have a right to petition, we just have to give a rationale about why we do or do not something. They can ask for whatever they want to ask.
- Treating this plan as a draft, and will address it again during next meeting. If anyone has questions, they should email to Mr. Cornette and he will get them to Mrs. Shaffer.

Day 11/ Start of School

- We’ve had a great start to the beginning of the year.
- Happiest Mr. Cornette has seen kids in his seven years as an administrator.
- Still working out a few bugs with the new lunch system. We will have pictures in the system after picture day this year.

Calendar Change

- Had to change HS Open House to September 10 due to Southern soccer game
- Calendar does not show that we will not be in session on November 4. Dr. Dantic will be sending out something to parents to make sure they are aware.
- The university is doing graduation different in the spring, The Pres has requested that we change our calendar and be closed on Friday, May 15 (The Friday before the last day of school.
- We need to come up for another day of instruction. Not a lot of options - January 5, which was supposed to be a PD Day.
- We could choose the PD day as one of the election days, but Dr. Dantic would like to leave it open to the teachers for now to choose when we might do the PD.

Personnel
• Ginger James is filling the position of Mrs. Williams for the fall semester. Mrs. Williams will be back in January.
• Leah Elliot filled the social studies/language arts position in the middle school. It is a one year appoint. Will be open again in early spring.
• Mrs. Ruppel will be with us up through fall break, but she has elected not to teach. 2nd week of Sept, committee will start reviewing candidates. 9 in the pool. Will also be a one year appointment.
• He anticipates one more high school person will be stepping away, but cannot announce.
• PGES, PGP from teachers should be in before we come back from labor day.
• RTI Position has been approved, should be posted within the next couple of weeks.

Early Graduation
• Went into effect this year.
• Any student who is able to make the benchmark from four scores on the ACT, meet the requirements on EOC in biology, U.S. History, Algebra II, and English II.
• Student has to elect to go for early graduation.
• Student must consult with the university and their counselor before beginning.
• Counselor must help them create a schedule that helps them reach this goal.
• Theoretically a student could graduate halfway through their sophomore year.
• ACT can be taken as many times as necessary to reach benchmark
• EOC only allows one shot to pass.
• If they do not pass, they fall back into the regular pool of students.
• Based on past test scores here, about 40% of Model students could qualify for early graduation at some point prior to senior year.
• It would have no impact on our scheduling or numbers if they graduate at the end of their junior year.
• If it becomes over popular, we will have a rush of students who want to take junior history as a freshman, which would require us to offer higher level math courses, or hire more staff.
• When our students graduate early, we lose their $3500 tuition for the year.
• Dean asked to do an analysis of a 2+2 program - basic high school classes for first couple years, then getting an associates degree the last two years.
• It would benefit parents about $8000 if they graduate early from Model.
• Minimum ACT is 25 composite. It will be hard for them to get into places like transylvania, centre, etc. They will only have a two year transcript.
• We really don’t have a choice in this, it is a state regulation.
• We are very limited in changing our high school schedule, it’s very tight as it is.
• For us, it’s a marketability issue. If we can’t offer the kind of schedule they want, they can go to Central or Southern and get what they need.
• Dr. Dantic handed out a first reading of our Early Graduation Policy.
• Ours is VERY similar to Madison County
• They would first notify the principal, the reg says that by October 1, you must fill out this form and scan it into their ILP. If not, they can’t graduate that year.
• Then schedules are created to facilitate early graduation
• We, as a council, must decide whether or not we are going to give them a diploma that is the same as everyone else’s. Or are we going to give a diploma that says accelerated.
• We’ve never given different diplomas. But can we equate spending only two years here, to four years.
• Council should review our Early Graduation Policy, and we will discuss again at the next meeting.
• Dr. Dantic will be letting high school students know very soon to avoid missing the October 1 deadline.

Grandparent’s Day
• Park in center for the arts parking lot, shuttle will run them here
• MPO has a dessert reception for the adults
• 10-2
• HS and MS will be going to Powell for lunch.
• Mr. Cornette encouraged council to publicize it.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45
The next meeting will be on September 25 at 4:00pm.