EISA SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

11-21-19

In attendance: Chair Tammy Mahoney, Electra Alessio, Jamie Fitzpatrick, Superintendent Tom Ambrose, Director of Academics, Professional Learning and Student Affairs Patty Haynes. Called to order by Mahoney at 4:53 pm. Minutes of the 10/16/19 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Committee goals were finalized and adopted:

1.   Develop a plan to implement improved math instruction

2.   Develop end of year benchmarks for each grade level (K-6) in math

3.   With the intent of implementing a new grade reporting system by Fall 2021, explore a new grade reporting system and determine what and how much information is important for inclusion

The target for completion is the end of the school year in June.

Motion to adopt made by Ms. Alessio and seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick. Vote: All in favor.

Dr. Haynes outlined the status of the grade reporting system review. The current system, Wazzle, is clunky and time-consuming for teachers, and too convoluted for ease of use for parents. The district is working with Motivis and has had 12-15 teachers in K-12 piloting their program, working in both grading systems in parallel. The next step will be for a few teachers to do beta testing and provide direct feedback to Motivis, who will have developers respond with changes in real time, and a group status discussion in early January. Motivis will also be working on the parent view, which is a separate side of the software from the teacher's view. One possibility for gathering feedback for that is to offer opportunities for review at school events, where Chromebooks could be set up as testing platforms.

There was some discussion of the AP program and possible ways to increase rigor. Dr. Haynes will provide some long-term history to aid in evaluating the program, for discussion at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by Mahoney at 5:50.