



## Educational Equity Committee Minutes – 10/12/2018

**Our Mission:** The Sioux City Community School District exists to educate students to **believe** in their talents and skills, **achieve** academic excellence and **succeed** in reaching their potential.

**Chairperson:** Tito Parker

**Secretary:** Cate Combs

The Educational Equity Committee (EEC) met on Friday, October 12, 2018 at the ESC Boardroom.

**Committee Members Present:** Tito Parker, Bernie Hess, Adam Alfredson, Jeremy Granger, Jason Jackson, Stephan Pearson

**District Employees and School Board Directors Present:** David Gleiser, Dr. Kim Buryanek, Jen Gomez, Cate Combs, Amber Sackmann, Janet Ryan, Amber Sackmann, LaShawna Moyle, Stephanie Alcaraz, Brian Burnight, Jim Vanderloo, Dr. Mike Rogers, Amy Denney, Blair Taylor, Scott Cole, Arelly Lugo, Kim Smith.

**Call to Order:** 11:30 am

### **Presentations:**

#### **School Calendars for School Years: 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022.**

Arelly Lugo, Administrative Assistant for Human Resources

The Calendars for School Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 have been acknowledged by the School Board.

The Calendar for School Year 2021-2022 will be presented to the School Board for acknowledgement next month.

The Calendars follow State Law regarding start dates. In addition, the District tries to balance out the number of days per quarter, and adhere to similar time frames from year to year in regards to conferences and winter and spring breaks. The District also builds in snow days every year.

Any comments or feedback should be sent to Dr. Rita Vannatta, Director of Human Resources.

#### **International Baccalaureate – Primary Years Program**

Amy Denney, Principal Perry Creek Elementary and Clark Early Childhood Center

Blair Taylor, Principal Sunnyside Elementary and Nodland

The above referenced buildings are proposing that their respective buildings be allowed to apply for International Baccalaureate programming approval. The program would allow these buildings to be specialty schools similar to the other elementary schools within the District. Discussion was had regarding the challenges and costs of implementing, measurements of success, and what can be done should the program not be successful in the future; as well as, implementing this program into the Middle Schools.

Any comments or feedback should be sent to Brian Burnight, Director of Elementary Education

#### **Chair and Vice Chair Nominations**

It was proposed and agreed to by the Committee that Tito Parker be Chair, and Jeremy Granger be Vice Chair.

#### **Up Coming Dates and Events**

October 26<sup>th</sup> – Professional Development with Guest Speakers – Equity Committee is invited to attend. Jen Gomez will email out further information.

November 21<sup>st</sup> – Memorial March for Native Americans

Leaderhigher.org – Important information regarding narrowing the gap in education.

**Adjourn: 1:00pm**

**Next Meeting: November 9, 2018 at 11:30 am in the Room 105 – Professional Development – Lunch will be provided.**