

Teacher Quality Committee Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2013

The meeting was called to order promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes & Updates

- A. Today's Agenda – review and approve agenda for today – reviewed and approved.
- B. Minutes – review and approve June 25, 2013 minutes – reviewed and approved.

Discussion Items

- A. Update regarding Iowa Core Expenditure. FAST/TIER for TK-5 has been implemented. Training was requested for July or August, but was provided by the Iowa Department of Education in September. Five teachers from each elementary building attended the training in Des Moines for 3 days. The FAST assessment covers only reading at this time, but is likely to include math in the future. Teachers have been very positive about the FAST assessments. Iowa Core funds had been approved on June 25, 2013 to pay teachers to attend the anticipated FAST/TIER training in the summer. The Iowa Core funds were used to pay for the expenses associated with the September FAST/TIER training.

There was discussion about the elementary report cards. On the elementary report cards, there will not be a reading score for this quarter because the FAST assessments are currently being administered. Kim Buryanek and Brian Burnight will craft a letter to parents with an explanation. Discussion was had as to whether or not to take the reading bar off the report card, but many teachers want this bar kept on the report card.

- B. BLT Process. A document was sent out in September to building principals for them to use when they have open positions on the building leadership team. The document was also sent to the TQ Committee members. The document was created to increase teacher awareness that anyone with an interest in leadership can apply to be on the building leadership team. All teachers will have the opportunity to apply for open BLT positions. With good communication, we can alleviate the misconception that the BLT members are handpicked.

With DINA budget smaller this year, cadres are reduced to 2 this year as opposed to 3 as in the past.

- C. Budget. An update was provided regarding the current status of the TQ Budget. By the end of the 2013-14 school year, the carry over is expected to be over \$100,000. At the next meeting, we will look at dollars spent to date for TQ hours.
- D. Requests for flexibility with TQ funding. 2 suggestions were submitted. Tunisia Billings inquired about the Leadership Academy and if the dates could be altered each year to accommodate more people. Video conference might be another way to participate but don't foresee this happening in the very near future. She inquired about the district calendar, changing the No

School day to the 20th to accommodate African American students who must decide to either attend school or celebrate the holiday.

Julie Thiele inquired about using TQ funds for nursing conferences instead of the Leadership Academy. There are self-directed PD funds available for nurses.

Kim Buryanek will respond to these requests.

Next Meeting: February 5, 2014

8:00-11:00 a.m. – ESC Professional Learning Center Room 105

Agenda Item: Iowa Core Curriculum requests

Carryover TQ funds and possible budget adjustment

Adjournment: 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Kim Buryanek, Facilitator

Deb Padomek

Joe Malsam

Jim Vanderloo

Brian Burnight

Mary Motz

John Beeck

Charles Hoberg

Donna Walsh

Kris Flewelling

Linda McEntaffer

Chris Poeckes

Genevieve Perrin

Sandy Cannon

Paul Gorski, guest