

Teacher Quality Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 5, 2015

Minutes & Updates

- A. Today's Agenda—review and approve agenda for today—reviewed and approved.
- B. Minutes—review and approve November 13, 2014, minutes—Brian Burnight moved/Chris Poeckes seconded that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

A. Budget for Year 2014-2015

Kari disseminated the PD TQ budget showing total budgeted expenditures and total budgeted expenditures to date. Also included was the Iowa Core total budgeted expenditures and total budgeted expenditures to date. Discussion ensued regarding adding another hour to Leadership Academy (.5-hour per day) as opposed to including another TQ Monday, totaling 15 hours for two days. There was also discussion on more creative ways to spend down the Teacher Quality dollars reserved for Monday TQ PD. One option might be a night where teachers could choose to attend a session with parents and community members to hear an in-depth description of standards-based grading, giving a chance to share and educate the benefits of same. Teachers who opted to attend could be paid through TQ dollars earmarked for Monday TQ PD. Another option might be to hold a pre- and/or post-conference, with the follow-up two-day sessions of Leadership Academy. Kari discussed at length the presenters from Solution Tree who will be involved at the Leadership Academy.

B. Iowa Core Expenditures

Anything that can be coded to Iowa Core should be coded to Iowa Core, as it frees up general fund dollars for other endeavors. The question is still unanswered as to whether PLTW should be funded through Iowa Core. Kari will do some investigating with Jodi, but she is certain that if the case can be made that the work is tied to curriculum revisions and/or common core standards, the expenditures could be moved to Iowa Core.

Action Items

A. Leadership Academy approval of plans

Chris Poeckes will draft an email and submit to Kari to be disseminated to principals. Principals will then disseminate to their staffs.

B. Iowa Core Curriculum Requests

Kari disseminated the Iowa Core Funding Requests, indicating what has been spent up through summer, 2014, and the work anticipated for the rest of this school year as the district continues to increase the alignment of the curriculum to the Iowa Core Curriculum. Two of the largest expenditures were questioned; both were expenses for several staff to attending training sessions. There was some general discussion to follow.

Next Meeting—proposed dates

- TBD
- 9-11 a.m.
- ESC
- Agenda Items: Allocation of TQ hours for 2015-16  
2015-16 Budget

## Iowa Core Curriculum Requests

Respectfully submitted,  
Gloria James, Recorder

### Members Present

Brian Burnight

Mary Motz

Julie Thiele

Genevieve Perrin

Jim Vanderloo

Joe Malsam

Sandi Cannon

Deb Padomek

Kris Snavelly

Kris Flewelling

Chris Poeckes

John Beeck

Kari Webb, Facilitator