

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.

Facilitator: Kari Webb

Recorder: Gloria James

The Teacher Quality Committee (TQ) met on Wednesday, December 9, 2015, in the Educational Service Center, Board Conference Room. Copies of the *Agenda, October 13 Minutes and proposal from Loess Hills requesting funding to support specialty school mission* were available for distribution.

Committee Members Present: Brian Burnight, Sandra Cannon, Kristi Flewelling, Karlys Gries, Charles Hoberg, Joseph Malsam, Deborah Padomek, Christine Poeckes, Kristine Snavely, James Vanderloo and Julie Thiele

Committee Members Absent: John Beeck and Mary Motz

Guests/Visitors: Bruce Lear, Mike Crawford

1. Minutes & Updates

A. Today's Agenda – review and approve agenda for today. Agenda reviewed and approved.

B. Minutes – review and approve minutes from October meeting. Short discussion regarding adding a line item to future minutes Committee Members Absent: Julie made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, Sandra seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Informational Update:

A. Online Course Registrations, implementation and 2016 budget year impact

- 767 teachers registered
- Participation level exceeds Monday PM participation rate and is comparable to Leadership Academy from June 2015
- Kari will draft an email to staff with additional information about online courses
- Anticipated impact on 2016 budget—the cost for course registration is \$72,562, paid to ASCD. The anticipated cost of reimbursements to teachers for completing the courses is approximately \$586,000.

3. Discussion Items

A. Use of TQ funds to support online coursework for special education instructors requiring additional certification per new state legislation

- Approx. 38 staff effected
- Approx. cost, \$16,000
- Kari will research the possibility of using Iowa Core funding

B. Use of TQ funds to support Loess Hills' Coding Leadership Team

- Consensus was that Iowa Core was the more appropriate funding source
- Karlys made the motion to decline the request, Sandra seconded. Motion carried.

4. Action Items

A. Iowa Core Curriculum: HS Math (algebra), K-12 art, music, PE (2 days)

- Requests to be made before spending occurs, with the understanding that if the request is declined, another funding source would need to be attached.

B. Other Items: None

5. The next meeting of the *Teacher Quality Committee* will be Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 9 A.M. in the Educational Service Center, Professional Learning Center, Room 105.