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.