

## Curriculum Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 19, 2021

### Attendance

✖	Yes		No	Norrell, Dr. Jennifer
✖	Yes		No	Campbell, Dr. Lori

✖	Yes		No	Miller, Ms. Avis
✖	Yes		No	Hatchett, Ms. Kimberly
✖	Yes		No	Sifuentes, Mr. Juan

Dr. Campbell opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### **I. Reopening Updates**

**Presenters: Dr. Jennifer Norrell**

- Dr. Campbell opened the presentation providing a brief overview of the parent survey responses, noting 14% of our parents selected the hybrid option, “Our plan is to customized our hybrid plan to allow those families who selected the option to return to school for hybrid e-learning”. Our hybrid model will occur two days per week Pre-k to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and the remaining three days will be remote learning. On Fridays, Buildings and Grounds will perform deep cleaning. Dr. Campbell presented the student schedules and discussed logistics.
- Dr. Campbell shared the High School has shifted to block scheduling, “We reflected upon the first semester to identify our successes and areas of improvements, as a result, we decided to create a block schedule which allows our students additional time for instruction. Dr. Campbell invited Mr. Simpson, Principal at East High, to share his thoughts and reasoning behind the High School block schedule.
- Mr. Simpson provided a brief overview of the process behind the schedule decision, “As Dr. Campbell shared, we reflected on the schedule and student attendance”. As we reflected, we decided to bring back our scheduling committee and work to create a schedule that will honor the input from all stakeholders and provided the very best for our students. After lots of debating, discussions and reviewing the results, from this last semester, I think we made the right decision”.
- Mr. Simpson continued providing some highlights from the block schedule; increase in instructional time (from 35 to 70 minutes per class) increase in our transition time between class periods (allowing the students their virtual breaks) and dedicating time each day to provide additional academic and social-emotional support. The impact, from the first two weeks of implementing, is very positive. We are seeing a 7% increase in the average daily attendance, which is absolutely fantastic.
- Finally, Dr. Campbell shared by grade level, the hybrid schedule, the district designed. She added, “We want our kids back, our teachers want to have their kids in person, but at this point safety, is the priority”. We will continue to follow state and county guidelines to reassess the plan. “I am happy to say that our board and administration has called it right for our students and staff”.
- The employee Hybrid/remote guidance 2.0 was part of our curriculum committee package.

### **II. Acceleration Review and FY22 Plan**

**Presenter: Dr. Lori Campbell**

- Dr. Campbell provided an overview of the district acceleration program. “We became in full alignment with the state to make sure students had the opportunity to apply for acceleration, whether it was single subject or a whole grade. She presented the application process, number of applicants accepted and overall student success.
- Dr. Campbell reviewed the eligibility criteria for Kindergarten acceleration. She shared, “we looked at cognitive performance, social emotional development, as well as academic performance in three areas, motor, concepts and language”.
- Dr. Campbell shared feedback from the families who have children in the program. Lastly, Dr. Campbell presented the FY22 Acceleration timeline and guidance overview.

### **III. Attendance and Enrollment**

**Presenters: Dr. Lori Campbell**

- Dr. Campbell presented the district attendance report, currently we have an overall daily attendance of 93.01%. The staff is working hard to make sure our students are engaged in instruction during these unprecedented times. She also shared our enrollment data, we currently have 13,475 students enrolled.

### **IV. Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry**

**Presenter: Dr. Lori Campbell**

- Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry has provided support to the Aurora Community for years. During the last two years, EA District 131, has partnered with the pantry to assist with supporting food distribution every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, January-December. Dr. Campbell shared the rotating schedule, highlighting each D131 building location participation.

**X. Old Business-** None

**XI. New Business-** None

**XII. Public Comments-** None

**XIII. Adjournment-** The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.