

## Curriculum Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 18, 2019

<b>Attendance</b>
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✘	Yes		No	Norrell, Dr. Jennifer
✘	Yes		No	Campbell, Dr. Lori
✘	Yes		No	Johnson, Ms. Annette

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

Dr. Norrell opened the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

**I. Krug Elementary School Continuous School Improvement Plan**

Presenter: Mr. Noah Little

- Principal Noah Little provided a brief recap of Krug Elementary School’s Mission and Vision
- Principal Little shared the Krug Elementary School Commitments and Goals
- Mr. Little reviewed their school report card with the following highlights:
  - a) 94% daily attendance (1% increase from the previous year)
  - b) IAR English Language Arts Assessment showed a growth of 59.50%
  - c) Krug’s ESSA designation is Commendable. The school has maintained the commendable status for two consecutive years
- Principal Little shared Krug Elementary School Strategies to engage family and community
- Board member Mr. Sifuentes congratulated Principal Noah Little for Krug’s attendance report

**II. Northern Illinois University-STEM Model Partnership Proposal**

Presenter: Dr. Kristin Brynteson

- Dr. Campbell opened the discussion with providing an overview of Northern Illinois University’s proposed partnership with East Aurora.
- The proposed partnership is to implement an informal science education to create robust stem opportunities for 10 students during their 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade years.
- Dr. Brynteson shared an overview of how the program works, how students are selected. Additionally, she shared the structure and flow per grade level which is based on the West Virginia University Model
- Dr. Brynteson highlighted the proposed timeline for the program and the participation numbers, per the school districts that are invited to participate
- Mr. Sifuentes asked, “would the number of students increase per year? Dr. Brynteson replied, “We will maintain it at 10, but knowing that we may have some attrition we will fill those spots”
- Dr. Brynteson shared the plan from NIU. She stated the plan is to work with students with a focus to continue education at no cost at NIU, if they meet the requirements
- Mr. Sifuentes asked, “Is this going to cost the District anything? Dr. Brynteson answered “No, there is no cost to the district, the funding comes from a grant awarded for the program”

**III. University of St. Francis-Oak Park Elementary School Recognition**

Presenter: Dr. John Gambro Dean of education of the university of St. Francis

- Dr. Gambro presented the **Outstanding Accomplishment Education Recognition** to Oak Park Elementary School. This recognition stands for the exceptional and fruitful partnership between the University of St. Francis and East Aurora School District 131. The inscription reads “*In Recognition of your outstanding commitment to Educational Equity and Student Achievement through development of your faculty and Staff, presented November 18, 2019*”. Principal McMahon and the Oak Park team accepted the award during the Curriculum Committee Meeting. Oak Park was awarded this recognition for having 100% of their teachers’ ESL endorsed

#### **IV. Enrollment and Attendance Reports**

Presenter: Dr. Lori Campbell

- Dr. Campbell shared the district's enrollment report. Currently 13,981 students are enrolled in East Aurora District 131
- Dr. Campbell presented a chart that showed the Average Daily Attendance percentage by week and month. She also shared that the attendance threshold is to maintain a 95% daily attendance average.
- Dr. Campbell also presented the Chronic Absenteeism chart by tiers
- Mr. Sifuentes asked, "does East High has 1110 students in Tier 3"? Dr. Campbell stated these numbers are a reflection of absences at this point in time. The goal is to decrease the absences for the remainder of the year for this group which will remove the students from the chronic absenteeism list.

#### **V. Countywide PD Day-Dr. Pedro Noguera**

Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Norrell

- Dr. Norrell expressed in preparation for Countywide Professional Development on February 28, 2020, She would like to invite Dr. Pedro Noguera as keynote speaker and session presenter.
- Dr. Norrell stated District 131 would like to extend a contract to Dr. Noguera to present on the following topics "Creating School Cultures that Promote Academic Excellence" and "Equity and Deeper Learning". The cost will be \$10,000, including travel and lodging, and it will be paid out of Title II funds

#### **VI. Principal Mentoring**

Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Norrell

- Dr. Norrell proposed to extend the principal mentoring contract with Cheryl Quinn to continue mentoring the Principal of Cowherd Middle School and new principals in the district
- Mr. Sifuentes asked "How it is working at Cowherd?" Dr. Campbell replied "The transition at Cowherd went really smooth, it was almost seamless and the support provided to Ms. Gibson has allowed her to create relationships with the staff and students"

#### **VII. Dual Language Plan Update**

Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Norrell

- Dr. Norrell provided a brief recap of the Dual Language Program in District 131 and shared that our goal is to identify the best model for our current staff
- The district will provide a more extensive presentation on the Dual Language Program at our December Curriculum meeting

#### **VIII. Communities In Schools and EA2 Agreement**

Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Norrell

- Dr. Norrell provided the Statement of Agreement between East Aurora School District 131, Quad County Urban League and Communities In Schools of Aurora, INC.

**IX. New Business-** None

**X. Public Comments-** None

**XI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.