Dearborn Public Schools School Blog Committee
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Room 12 ASC

Members Present: Nada Alamaddine, Robert Attee, Chris Kenniburg, and Troy Patterson

Minutes:

1. Building Blog Initiative Update
    a. Blog Support helpsheets and videos on 10/9/ 2015
    b. Administrative PD on 10/15/2015
    c. Board of Education Blog Presentation on 10/ 12/ 2015
    d. Personalization 11 /11/2015
2. Implementation of blogs at the school level with **ancillary staff** *(please note that Core Area teachers should have a blog that is updated at least weekly)*.
    a. Should buildings develop a support/ ancillary staff blog that can be shared by the support staff of a school?
    b. The committee recommended that Principals, Assistant Principals, Secretaries, Parent Liaisons, and Receptionists share responsibility for posting on their building's school news blog. Personnel in each of these roles may have an additional optional blog if they decide to have one as well.
    c. Paraprofessionals, Cafeteria Managers, and Noon Hour Supervisors are not required to have a blog.
    d. School support staff, including the special education resource teacher, psychologist, bilingual resource teacher, speech teacher, hearing impaired specialist, occupational therapist, and social workers may have a layout page on the school website that will allow them to share their background information and provide links or resources for the students and parents they support. They will not be required to post on a weekly basis, but shall have support information available on their layout page to assist the parents and students they service (i.e. tips for ELL learners).
    e. Elective area teachers, including Art, PE, Music, Technology Education, Enrichment, and World Language teachers, will need to maintain and update their individual blogs.
3. Next steps
    a. Future PD recommendations
        i. A building blog support staff identification form will be sent to identify the building staff members who will assist with staff training on implementing blogs.
        ii. From the list of blog support staff, helpsheets to support the implementation of blogs at the building level will be provided.
        iii. An updated document about the blog initiative will be shared with all teachers, administrators, and support staff.
        iv. Chris Kenniburg, Amy Gwizdz, and Bob Harrison will continue to provide support to individual buildings.
    b. Blog helpsheets

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i. Future helpsheets will include tips on helping to make your blog mobile device friendly, moderating comments, and ideas for blog posts.