

**Gladbrook-Reinbeck District Advisory Committee
(School Improvement Advisory Committee)**

**September 29, 2015 - 6:30 p.m.
G-R Jr. High/High School Media Center**

Minutes

In Attendance: Jay Mathis, Jason Strub, Jessie Blohm, Mandy Gehring, Kristy Giesking, Jeremy Thesing, Michelle Knaack, Pattie Bailey, Brenda Egesdal, Kelly McLean, Jamie Riffey, Lydia Robertson, Ellen Schweppe, Greg Westwater, Rod Brockett

1. 2014-15 Iowa Assessment Data

Mr. Strub presented reading and math assessment data using Iowa Assessment data complete with historical comparisons. Overall, our math scores showed great improvement from the previous year, but our reading scores were dramatically lower and did not show expected growth.

Mr. Mathis explained the difference between percent proficient vs. the average standard scores for each class and how that relates to typical progress.

There was great feedback from the committee regarding the use of Accelerated Reader and the level of rigor in reading at all grade levels. Some questioned the policy of rewards for good test scores. One suggestion is that the reward could be for either good test scores or good grades throughout the year.

Mr. Strub also explained the upcoming requirement to test and retain 3rd graders that were not proficient in reading if they don't pass a summer school.

Our goal for next year will be to have all grade levels show typical growth in math and reading.

2. Teacher Leadership & Compensation Plan

Mr. Mathis gave a highlight of the proposed TLC planning grant application and what it would look like.

3. Lau Plan overview

Mr. Mathis explained that a Lau plan is a required plan for ELL students and that we share an instructor with the Eldora-New Providence school district.

Future 2015-2016 Meeting Dates

- November 10, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. at the High School Media Center
- January 12, 2016 – 6:30 p.m. at the High School Media Center
- March 22, 2016 – 6:30 p.m. at the High School Media Center