

SIAC 1/25/23 Minutes:

The West Marshall CSD SIAC Committee met January 25, 2023, in the HS Library. Members present (Morgan Frederick, Erica Malloy, April Coulter, Joel Halverson, Jeraco Grossman, Jake Randall, Bob Tollefson, Josh Russell, Jacy Large).

Welcome and Recognition of Visitors-Jacy Large

Curriculum Updates (Presented by Building Principals Mr. Randall, Mr. Tollefson, Mr. Russell)

Discussion regarding Iowa School Performance and what attributed to the success of West Marshall High School as the 3rd highest ranked school in the state (again, as measured by the Iowa School Performance Profiles). Mr. Randall Continued with new selection of curriculum materials at the end of the year will be for Spanish 3 and 4 courses and the teachers are finalizing their review of resources that align to instructional practices aligned to the standards.

Mr. Tollefson Shared the grade level teachers 4-8 grade have met with two sister schools who are currently implementing instructional practice with Illustrative Math. Currently 4 teachers are driving this conversation as their pilot of lessons being used is showing improvement with student engagement and rich discussion among students rather than the traditional “sit and get” and hope students ask Question.

Mr. Russell concluded that work around the Science of Reading is starting to buzz in the elementary and starting second semester of 2024 they hope to finalize a recommendation for the board to purchase resources for literacy materials that align to our current resources of “really great reading”.

Current programming updates: Jacy Large/Jake Randall

Two new programs fully adopted with allocation of funds have been created. Robotics has taken off with the support of Mari Haley who as required students that spend countless hours before and after school to prepare of contest around the state and out of state.

Jacy discussed the CTSO program of DECA and the need to implement this program in order to qualify Business Programming as a continued CTE opportunity for high school students.

Common area of Expectations: Josh Russell Elem Principal

Principal Russell explained the benefits of teaching common areas of expectations with fidelity has lower major/minor referrals to the office k-6. Mr. Russell indicated that with staff consensus in developing these expectation lessons, students are reaping the benefits of learning positive behaviors influencing “positive choices”. In addition he has attributed this success with teachers teaching proactive behaviors and teaching kindness to others throughout small learning groups during counseling rotation on bullying and harassment characteristics and traits of such.

Facilities Updates: Jacy Large

Jacy acknowledge the timeline for the vulnerability assessment that was completed 2 week ago and a slight delay is expected with so many schools yet to have completed the review with TetraTech

In addition, Jacy concluded that the All District Survey that is currently open will be due the first week in February and thanked SIAC for the work they have done to seek clarity on questions to be asked of our community stakeholders.