

School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)

Minutes

3/4/13

SIAC Members Attending: Mike Beaird, Alka Khanolkar, Ed Kiedaisch, Chris Linder, Julia Logan, Dan Stolley, Kim Wyatt

District Administrators: Tim Hood, Larry Frakes, Gary Benda, Corey St. John

Meeting Facilitator: Pat Shier

Presenter: Evan McCormick, Great Prairie AEA

2012-13 SIAC meeting was held Monday, March 4, 2013 from 6:00 – 8:00 at the Torrence Elementary School GYM

The following activities took place:

- Pat Shier welcomed members & administrators in attendance & reviewed the meeting agenda.
- Everyone present introduced himself or herself.
- Pat reviewed the purposes of the SIAC
- Pat, Tim, Larry & Gary up-dated the committee on current district activities:
 - Implementation of the Iowa Core State Standards
 - Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing
 - Wednesday Early Out sessions & Professional Learning Communities
 - Expanding vocational education opportunities for students & business community partnerships
- Pat shared 2011-12 district student achievement goals in reading & mathematics and the measures used to determine if the goals were met. Goals for the 2012-13 school year were also reviewed. Data will be available after spring Iowa Assessment and STAR testing to determine if these goals were met. This data will be presented at the spring SIAC meeting.
- Evan McCormick, School Improvement Specialist from Great Prairie AEA presented district data from Iowa Assessments for grades 3-11. His presentation focused on 5-year trend lines, comparisons of sub-groups and with other districts in Great Prairie AEA.
- Participants discussed this data to answer the following questions:
 - What does this data tell us?
 - What doesn't it tell us, what else do we need to know?

- What are the positives in this data?
- What recommendations can be made based on this data?

Continuation of this discussion will occur at the spring SIAC meeting.

- Evan then presented data concerning courses offered and taught by accreditation area. They committee discussed the trends from 2006-07 to 2011-12.
- Graduation rate data and students enrolled in Institutions of Higher Education will be presented and discussed at the spring SIAC meeting.
- Those present completed a form to determine additional topics for the spring SIAC meeting as well as those to be part of future 2013-14 meetings.
- Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.