Academic Committee Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2018 - 1:00 pm

In attendance: Danette Wells - Stephanie Stafford - Mandy Aug - Megan Rivet - Lisa Whiteley

- 1. Discussed the Report Card voice over. It is published on the website under Curriculum.
- 2. Mandy Aug shared a Digital Roadmap (grades K-3 and 4-12). This document covers goals and a vision for integrating technology into the classroom at TRLSD.

K-3: Symbaloo

4-12: Google Classroom

Pedagogy framework was discussed and what this looks like for the teacher and the student. The process evolves from a "Toe-in-the-Water" focus to an "All In" student focus.

Discussed how different independent learning looks at various grade levels.

Hoping to roll out final Digital Roadmap at the end of the year to provide consistency.

Mrs. Stafford wants anything posted into it is ADA compliant – to ensure that all documents are easy accessible for all parents/students. Quality Matters rubric.

The Digital Roadmap is intended to be more about the pedagogy and less about the technology (M. Aug).

An electronic copy is being sent to all BOE member prior to the next meeting.

3. Homework Policy – collected feedback from administration

Do we have one District policy? Mrs. Stafford thinks there should be some flexibility within the policy for principals. Suggested that there should be an over-arching policy that lends flexibility. Mrs. Wells encouraged it to come to the BOE so that they could know.

BOE needs to provide direction for homework expectations. It should have a purpose.

Mrs. Stafford discussed the importance of helping support parents at home so that they can in turn support their child.

Mrs. Stafford wants to see the building principals' plans for the HW policy so that they can decide what the policy structure should be.

Mrs. Aug passed out "Books" – an article about the history of HW. ASCD.org – research to share the facts vs. myths of the impact HW has on student success.

IMPORTANT: Letter provided in "Books" can be used when the transition happens at TRLSD

TRES: Letter in "Books"

TMS: Holly is working

THS: post-secondary syllabi – self paced HW

Important to train the teachers on the "Three Rivers Way". (D. Wells)

Parents do not have the tools to support their children at home. Learning looks different.

Mandy will clean up the District version of the policy draft.

Goal: Roll out the new policy in May

Summer mailer: Three Rivers Way mailer around what HW will look like for the 2019-2020 school year.

HW Policy Timeline:

-District level policy to the principals by winter break with the direction for them to take it to the BLT in January.

-Seek teacher feedback Jan./Feb.

-Have something to the BOE in March for review.

-Final vote for approval in April.

Next meeting: TBD