

SAC Meeting Minutes- ELMS

Date – October 12, 2021

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM. Present were: Amira Ray, Karen Huzar, Deborah Clark, Shari Johnson, Elizabeth Citro, Cheryl Middleton, Cori Cheldon, Kristy Zumwalt, Becca Tieder, Andrea Bouchard,

Guests: Emily Sikes, Lisa Leonarduzzi, Nicki Spirtos, Cristina Fallara, Dan Tentis, Karin David, Jackie Wheaton, Oren Schlierer

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the September minutes as written by Nikki Spirtos, second by Cheryl Middleton .

### **3. Presentations:**

**Science – Mrs. Lee teaching 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Mr. Tentis teaching 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Mr. Heppe is 8<sup>th</sup> grade. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> are Accelerated Honors classes meaning students receive the grade level content along with 8<sup>th</sup> grade content. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade there is a Physical Science Honors class which is for high school credit class as well as Comprehensive Science class which is the 8<sup>th</sup> grade standards. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade they have completed Units 1 and 2, and are now working on unit 3 – Body Systems. Coming up – Unit 5 is the 8<sup>th</sup> grade standards for Properties of Matter. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade they have completed unit 1 and are now working on Unit 2 – Earth’s movement, Moon Phases, Tides, and Eclipses. Next up will be the 8<sup>th</sup> grade standards for Unit 3 – the Formation of the Solar System and Planets. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade Comp Sci 3 they have completed Unit 1 and are now working on the Structure of Matter. In Physical Science they have completed Units 1 and 2 and are now working on Unit 3 – Acids and Bases. Resources for all classes include: Interactive notebooks, Discovery TechBook (online resource), CPalms, face-to-face collaboration, PowerPoints to support curriculum, video resources, hands-on and research investigations, as well as online resources (BrainPOP, Quizlet, Nearpod)**

**Math – Mrs. David, Mr. Macdonald, and Mrs. Macdonald make up the math department. Performance Matters assessments being wrapped up this week. Cumulative assessment for Quarter 1. iXL diagnostic was also given at the beginning of the year. Individualized growth plans for the students based on the recommended skills in the assessments. Most of the courses have an online textbook (except Algebra 1) and have videos, tutorials, extra practice as resources.**

**ELA – Mrs. Barnes teaches 6<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Moore teaches 7<sup>th</sup>, and Mrs. Wheaton teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA and English 1 Honors (HS credit class); Mrs. Clark teaches Reading and Journalism. The ELA McGraw-Hill Textbook is online via Clever. Other online tools include CommonLit, ReadWorks, NewsELA, Quill.org. 2021 FSA testing overall 82% of students scored at proficiency level or higher. The 2022 goal for ELA is to have 90% proficiency. Write Score Cycle 1 testing show 6<sup>th</sup> grade reading at 60.85% and writing at 5.91 out of 10; 7<sup>th</sup> grade reading at 60.85% and writing at 6.81 out of 10; 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading at 61% and writing at 7.08 out of 10. Teachers are working to remediate as needed based on data. Cycle 2 Write Score will be in December.**

**Social Studies – Mr. Rumaker teaches 6<sup>th</sup> US History which covers Colonization of America through the Civil War. He uses a variety of interactive activities and simulations as well as works closely with ELA and Engineering to complete cross-curricular activities. Mrs. DeTurk teaches 7<sup>th</sup> grade Civics which covers government topics including citizenship, the constitution, branches of government, laws, voting, etc. Students analyze historical documents, perform skits, as well as other various collaboration activities. Mr. Schlierer teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade Pre-AP World History and Geography which is a high school credit course. The focus is on concepts and skills that provide background for high school. He uses evidence-based writing, hands-on**

activities, a college level research project (National History Day), and works closely with ELA to reinforce reading and writing skills.

**4. Principal Update - none**

**5. New Business - none**

**6. Old Business - none**

**6. Open Discussion: clarifying questions about HS credit classes and how the credits work to follow 8<sup>th</sup> graders to high school.**

**7. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 AM , and the next SAC meeting is scheduled for 11/9/21 at 8:00 AM. This meeting will be about HS Programs and Choices.