Board Report

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Developing Mathematical Thinking (DMT) Observation Training

The administrators and two math teacher mentors were able to attend a one day training on September 28th. The day included a review of the five key components to DMT and training on the use of a new observation tool. This tool will serve as a powerful approach to enhance mathematical instruction. The team that attended the training will have the opportunity to work with Claire Gates from Education Northwest on October 19th. She will be available to observe classroom teachers and discuss instruction.

WIDA Standards and Assessments

The state of Idaho has joined the WIDA consortium for standards and assessments. This means that we will no longer be testing using the IELA (Idaho English Language Assessment) as it has been replaced by a combination of tests. The W-APT will be used to identify and place students into a language program and ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 will be used as an annual summative assessment for grades 1-12 to assess developing social and academic English language proficiency among English language learners.

Angela Correa and Carrie Thorburn will be attending the WIDA National Conference October 15-18.

Federal Programs Monitoring Review

Our monitoring visit will be January 12-13, 2016. This will be an intensive two day process in which they will review documents and budgets, observe classrooms, and interview principals, teachers, and paraprofessionals.

District Leadership Team

We held our first district leadership team meeting on September 18th. The team consists of Rob Sauer, Debbie Pfeifer, Matt Holtry, Lisa Isla, Casey Grove, Amy Winters, Debby Turner, Sally Gonser, Terri Vasquez, Teri Uria, Laura Eubanks, and myself.