

PSDC Meeting Minutes February 6, 2014

Members Present: Elizabeth Jorgensen, Zack Fugate, Donna Asper, Calyn Johnson, Shaun Fisher, Nicole Kovar, Karoline White, Debbie Petzel, Linda Leidle, Sheryl Holmgren, Brian Collins

The April 17 In-service on the Whole Child: There is the possibility of getting a speaker or possibly two speakers for the three-hour afternoon In-service.

Don Rosen's presentation and workshop requires a full day to have the required impact, as he also includes data gathering and builds on content over the course of the day. A shortened version would not work as well, so we will consider looking at having him as a full day speaker in a later in-service, perhaps in the late summer. Don Rosen provides excellence in workshops about Native American Education.

We are looking primarily at Suicide Prevention and also Autism as our Whole Child topic on April 17.

The Middle School is very interested in intensified Suicide Prevention training. Calyn and Doug could team up to invite a QPR (Question Persuade Refer) presentation speaker, but we would want a different format and more individualized, active learning.

Debbie attended an excellent conference last December ("Building the Heart of Successful Schools") and may be able to contact some of the speakers. They are generally local and probably wouldn't require too much funding. "Trauma's Impact on Learning Behavior" is an example of one topic that was presented in December at this conference. Zack also added that "The Wisconsin Promise" conference may be a source for speakers as well. Debbie, Zack, and Nicole will team up on the resource-tapping.

Having two speakers on hand would make for an excellent, super-charged day! If we get each speaker to present twice, we can have smaller groups, one in the auditorium, one in the library. To some extent, this format would be based upon speaker fees and speaker requirements.

Educator of the Year is coming up! We will get the word out and try to improve participation. Brian will check for a history of winners.