

Curriculum and Instruction

Leadership Week was July 27th to July 31st. Each building SLT/SBE team came together to receive professional development in the various programs new to our District and to plan out the implementation of the programs. Each building focused on how to train their staff in DESSA, AIMSWEB, Eureka Math/Zearn Math and the building selected writing program (Project Success for grades PK-3, Step Up to Writing for grades 4-8, and No Red Ink for grades 9-12). The BNAS committee members were also able to share out the materials that they have been working on this summer with the group for feedback. Everyone was very excited about the new curricular materials and curriculum based assessment that they would be implementing.

Administrators and Coaches were able to meet August 3rd to the 7th. The implementation plans were revisited as well as additional PD in AIMSWEB. Work was also done for COVID planning. With the move to on-line learning the first quarter many buildings spent time getting PD, schedules and material lined out to be offered on-line.

Professional Development

The past couple of weeks has been full of a lot of PD. Mary Buck has come in August 5-7th to work with each of the elementary buildings in Eureka Math and Zearn. They were able to plan out the first couple of modules within the curriculum. Mary spent one day in each of the buildings. She will also continue to work with us throughout the year as our math consultant. Mary also provided feedback, sat in trainings and helped the middle and high school with their math curricula (Illustrative, Reveal, Aleks) that they will be piloting this year.

The vice principals, who also serve as their building's testing coordinator and Title IX coordinators received PD in WIDA's new regulations as well as the new Title IX requirements.

All coaches and administrators received Trauma Informed Training from Matthew Johnson. They also had the DESSA and AIMSWEB trainings.

District Committees

I will bring this forward in September after staff have had time to sign up.

Assessments

Each building worked on a plan on how to implement their fall baseline assessments. The baseline assessment data will be brought forward in October, once the assessing is done in September.

Future plans

We will look at adopting a new science curriculum over the 2020-2021 school year. Our license for Science Fusion ends at the end of this month. A district committee will be put together to look into science curriculums out there.

We had originally moved to adopt the new social studies series but after looking at our contract with McGrawHill, we still have two more years left. It would not be fiscally responsible to adopt something new when we still have 2 years left on materials that is already paid for.