

Curriculum and Instruction Board Report
November 2016

Campus Design Teams

Campus Design Teams across the district met for ½ day with Nancy Rindone from the Schlechty Center to focus on change efforts on their campus. Each team created a change web and discussed why each change was being implemented on that campus. Each team also discussed the culture/climate necessary to successfully implement these changes. Teams will meet again in January to review progress on their team work..

NWEA MAP Data Training

Teachers at Hillsboro Elementary, Hillsboro Intermediate, and Hillsboro Jr. High were trained to access and read the data generated through the first round of NWEA MAP testing in the fall. This assessment tool allows teachers to understand where student skill gaps could be occurring. Additionally, the program sets learning goals for students to achieve.

Data Conferences

On November 2, campus and district leadership teams came together to look at HISD's achievement data. Areas of focus were state accountability, TELPAS, special education, PBMAS, and NWEA MAP assessment data.

The group focused on specific questions regarding the data and had some great conversations about moving forward as a district while balancing accountability and our beliefs about student engagement and providing authentic learning opportunities. Questions discussed included...

- Are our students making grade to grade progress on STAAR and NWEA MAP?
- What trends are we seeing in our data?
- What does the data say about the level of learning happening on our campuses?
- Are our campuses moving from the language of percent to the language of person? For example- if 66% of students are passing in reality 1 in 3 are struggling.
- Look at every student group - ethnicity, ELLs, Sped, economically disadvantaged - what is the data telling us?

New Teacher Cluster Meetings

On November 8, new teachers from across the district came together for an afternoon of professional development. The focus for the training was educator professionalism and best instructional/classroom practices. Angela Boyd, Sheila Bowman, and A.J. Pitts led the afternoon training.

New District Webpage

Work is in progress on migrating content from the existing webpage into a sleeker, more visually-appealing webpage. Blackboard invited Hillsboro ISD to participate in beta-testing of a new, more modern design due to the positive working relationship between Blackboard's support staff and Elizabeth Nanny, our district webpage organizer. The new webpage is slated to go live sometime around the first of the year.

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