## Board of Education Report November, 2014 - Sharon Nelsen

## <u>Assessment</u>

- Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (WKCE)
  - o Successful administration in grades 4, 8 and 10 for Science and Social Studies.
  - WAA (Alternate Assessment) conducted for qualifying students.
- PALS
  - The fall administration window in 4K, 5K, and Grades 1 and 2 has concluded.
  - Serves as a screener and students with identified needs will receive targeted instruction.
- DLM
  - The new alternate assessment for all grade levels/state assessments.
  - Online readiness tasks are underway now.
  - Teachers will begin training soon.
- Aspire
  - Results (fall administration) should be available the first week of December (grade 9).
  - A second administration will occur in the spring with grades 9 and 10.
- ACT
  - Administered in March to students in Grade 11.
  - Current preparations include webinars, applications submitted for accommodations, and site establishment.
- Badger Exam
  - Advance test preparation will focus on building student capacity with format features, technology skills, question formats, etc. under the direction of principals. We met collectively on November 18 to address the planning for this process.

## <u>Curriculum</u>

- November 13 = Planning meeting with Sue Brooks to review literacy work, upcoming curriculum sessions with science and social studies, and eventual work with the Wisconsin Early Learning Standards.
- November 18 and December 2= Teachers of Science and Social Studies in Grades 7-12.
  - Agenda The role of literacy within content areas (Sue Brooks) and the ongoing task of unit framework documentation (essential questions, learning targets, assessments).
- December 5 and 12 = Teachers of Science and Social Studies in Grades K-6.
  - Agendas will focus on the examination of scope and sequence in each subject.
- Carl Perkins Designee role =
  - November 4 Attended a meeting of the newly formed Barron County CTE Advisory Committee for Technical Education. This group will build business and education partnerships to strengthen educational programs. County advisory committees for other CTE subject areas are forthcoming.
  - Submitted and received approval of the 2014-2015 District Perkins Budget Plan for distribution of district funds designated for advancement of CTE programming. All spending and related district projects must focus on one or more of the seven Programs of Study (POS) that guide the CESA 11 consortium schools.

## <u>Other</u>

 Professional Learning Communities – Leader training on November 17 and PLC teams meet November 25. Focus for November = How does the data from Formative Assessment assist in making good decisions through the lens of learning?