

Board Report  
June 2017

**Curriculum and Instruction**

Spring universal screening in reading and math occurred in grades K-8 in May and data from the screenings will be used by district and campus administrators to gauge student academic growth in reading, math, and language usage throughout the district.

The end of year luncheon occurred on May 31 with service awards and recognition of elementary and secondary teachers of the year. Staff was treated to a picnic-themed lunch with burgers being cooked by employees of Atmos Energy. Door prizes donated by local businesses were given during the event.

District administrators from Quinlan ISD visited Hillsboro ISD in order to learn about how our partnership with the Schlechty Center has impacted teaching and learning in the district. Dr. John Horn with the Schlechty Center had shared our story with Quinlan, noting that Hillsboro ISD was an exemplar in changing the culture of teaching and learning with a focus on student engagement. Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyd, and Mrs. Bowman hosted the administrative team from Quinlan and shared our district story of how our partnership with the Schlechty Center has positively impacted our district. Campus administrators also shared how their campuses have benefitted.

The district has received preliminary results for EOC assessments and grades 5 & 8 STAAR. Our 5th and 8th grade are to be commended on the marked improvement from first round scores to second round scores. We are awaiting the preliminary scores for grades 3-8. More information will be forthcoming as scores are released and data is disaggregated.

Summer school has begun across the district for students. For faculty and staff of HISD, Summer Academies have begun as well. The week of June 12 begins with HISD hosting 3 days of professional development presented by the Schlechty Center that revisits student engagement and design. HISD teachers will learn about designing engaging work and will have time during a two-day Design Camp to design a unit of work. Following Design Camp, the district-facilitated summer academies will provide professional learning opportunities for staff. Face-to-face summer academies will continue through June 22 and book studies and online learning opportunities will continue until August 1. Summer academies provide staff with not only purposeful professional development but days waived during the school year.

Campus Design Teams from across the district met with Nancy Rindone for a day of learning and reflection on the year's work. One activity, Taking Stock, allowed the teams to reflect on and evaluate initiatives that were begun on the campus during the school year. Acknowledgement was given to those design team members who had been a part of a design team since implementation five years ago. Those members were Jo Hayes, Jennifer Faulkner, Lollie Creech, Stephanie Tucker, Pam Hamilton, Kandy Faris, and Laura Moulder. Design teams will be using the day's work to set campus goals for next year.

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