

LA CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD WORKSHOP MINUTES

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 5:30 PM HS Library

Board Members Present: Craig Whited, Eric Lindberg, Dorri Oldham, Samuel Glackler Board Members Absent: Amanda Miller Superintendent: Peter Rosenkranz Administrators: Dave McIntosh, Matt Johnson, Lindsey Hathaway Staff and Guests: Minutes taken by: Tammy Lichliter

1. Middle and High School School Improvement Plan (SIP) Review-

Dave McIntosh provided information to the board on the progress on the middle school SIP plan goals. Their main goal is to create a strong culture of hope for learning and belonging at La Center Middle School. The strategies they use include monthly staff PD and weekly collaboration time, inclusionary classes in Math and ELA, Internal and WIN time to work with students who may be behind in their classwork. He noted that for the 6th grade inclusionary classes, 7 out of 9 students on IEP's had positive growth rate between fall and winter STAR testing.

They established tiered academic interventions to support student' access to core instruction. With this implementation 9 students were removed from IEP's and 4 more are potentially upcoming. They also use standards-driven social-emotional learning strategies and tiered intervention to support middle school students. The counselor push in lessons are provided to all grade levels and include digital citizenship, anti-bullying and suicide prevention. Finally the MS is building a strong culture of relationships between students, staff, families, and the community to create a sense of belonging. Students and teachers are given a school climate survey in the fall and spring. Overall students feel like they belong at their school and feel supported. Overall, students look forward to coming to school and learning and they feel like people at school are respectful to others.

Matt Johnson provided information to the board on the progress on the high school SIP plan goals. He reported that the high school is currently going through the accreditation process which aligns with their SIP plan. The goal for the high school is to increase opportunities and options for students. They also support kids to help keep them graduate from the district. Ninth grade on track numbers currently show 13 ninth graders with F's. These students are aware that they will need to make up classes or get their grades up so that they will be eligible to graduate with 24 credits.

Professional development has been focused on teacher presentation strategies. There are strategies that

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focus on helping multi-lingual learners, but they can be used help English speaking students as well. He added that the high school will focus on adding classes that will earn college credits along with high school credit. Some students will still choose Running Start, but they are trying to maximize the opportunities for kids so that they choose to be at LCHS. The CTE program expansion of construction at LCHS is a good example. It led Cascadia tech to branch into different areas offering maritime, forest management and electrical. The high school will focus on getting the dual credit information out to families as students are forecasting for next school year.

There is also a new state-wide HS and Beyond Plan program being implemented. School Links will replace Xello and it will provide more functionality and information for students. The high school will implement this next school year.

Finally Mr. Johnson commented that the Open Doors program option provides students with an opportunity to get their GED or a diploma. It does lower the graduation rate, but if it gets kids where they want to go, it is a good program to offer to students who are behind in credits and not wanting to finish high school.

As this was a workshop of the board, no action was taken. The workshop adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Board Secretary- Peter Rosenkranz

Board Chair – Craig Whited

Board Member-Eric Lindberg

Board Member Amanda Miller

Board Member-Dorri Oldham

Board Member – Samuel Glackler

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