



Saydel Community School District
School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: April 19, 2016

Location: Saydel District Office Board Room

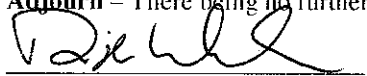
Facilitator: Mr. Douglas Wheeler, Superintendent

The Board of Education SIAC Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, April 19 by Superintendent Mr. Douglas Wheeler

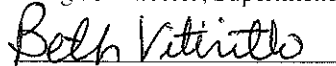
- **Committee members present:** Roland Kouski, Jr., Doug Cline, Kevin Schulte, Matt Tesdell, Julie McKibben, Patty Timmerman, Joshua Heyer, Marcy Schmidt, Brian Vaughan, Melissa Sassman, Shannon Larson, Douglas Wheeler
- **Committee members absent:** Jack Aegesen, Kristi Wickre, Shila Love, Antoine Parker, Aileen Hunnell, Darla Van Houten, Michael Dennis, Dr. Simone Alekno, Riley Backus, Jeremy Lowe, Sara Figgins

Agenda:

- I. **Welcome** – Mr. Wheeler welcomed all the committee members to the SIAC meeting.
- II. **Grading for Growth Process Update** – Mr. Wheeler recapped progress from the March SIAC Meeting, stating the committee built a consensus that resulted in a desire to have the “3” in the GPA conversion chart NOT count as a full “A”. Even with the consensus, there were some concerns; therefore, the committee reviewed options so Saydel Schools can create the best G4G system possible. The G4G conversion chart being used by our early implementers was reviewed, and Mr. Wheeler shared the conversion charts for surrounding area schools as well as other schools comparable in size to Saydel. SIAC Committee members shared thoughts on how our chart compares to the others. They also provided input on changing the GPA Policy, with consideration to weighted AP and DMACC courses.
- III. **Homework Policy** – To begin the conversation about a homework policy, the committee shared their thoughts on the positives/negatives of having homework and discussed what it means to give quality homework. The committee read the article “Making Homework Central to Learning” by Cathy Vatterott, (© 2011, Volume 69/Number 3). They shared ideas within the article that they agreed with and/or disagreed with and had the opportunity to ask questions/provide feedback. The conversation about homework will continue during the next SIAC meeting.
- IV. **Adjourn** – There being no further business, the SIAC Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.



Douglas Wheeler, Superintendent



Beth Vitiritto, Board Secretary

The SIAC meets at least once per year to provide input to the Board on the following:

1. *Major educational needs.*
2. *Student learning goals.*
3. *Long-range goals that include, but are not limited to, the state indicators that address reading, mathematics, and science achievement.*
4. *Harassment or bullying prevention goals, programs, training, and other initiatives.*