



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

Date: January 19, 2016

Location: Saydel District Office Board Room

Facilitator: Dr. Simone Alekno, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

The Board of Education SIAC Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, January 19 by Dr. Simone Alekno.

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

Agenda:

I. Welcome

II. Standard Referenced Grading (SRG) Review

Dr. Simone Alekno briefly reviewed the guidelines of implementing SRG. The committee discussed what they think of a separate behavior grade, how it will be implemented, and the importance of communicating the launch of this initiative to students, parents and guardians. The committee graded a bowl of soup with and without a 4-point-scale: 1) Not Proficient 2) Partially Proficient 3) Proficient 4) Exemplary. As a district we have decided we want our grades to be more accurate, fair and specific.

Dr. Alekno provided an overview of the .5 Scale, and she shared where letter grades will be represented on the scale.

III. Revised Grading for Growth Timeline & Communication Plan

The milestones for Grading for Growth were reviewed and are as follows:

Milestone I – Understanding and Aligning Standards to Instruction includes mapping standards, understanding backward design of units, building teacher and administrator understanding for grading and giving feedback based on end of course standards/expectations, adopting new curricular resources, training and development of CDF's to support implementation of curriculum and Grading for Growth. This milestone also includes SIAC and Board feedback, development of teacher capacity to design assessments for learning, and development of new report to include behavior expectations.

Milestone II – Separating Behavior From Academic Grades includes staff professional development and monthly preparation primers from January 2016 until December 2017, Grading for Growth prep sessions in February, March, April and May, the Behavior Matrix initial rollout in August-December and the first report card with matrix released in October/November.

Milestone III – Grading Academic Standards includes development of standard-referenced report card and pilot group implementation of SRG.

The committee also discussed the guidelines that will be used by the SRG Early Adopters.

There being no further business, the SIAC Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.


Dr. Simone Alekno, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment


Beth Vitiritto, Board Secretary