

District Excellence Planning Team Session 1
September 18, 2008
Lakeview Community Center
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Dr. Pope	Kristi Schreiber	Holly Poll	Kathy Nerychel	Betsy Naasko
Sara Shriver	Katharine Andersen	Colliene Willison	Anne Bishop	Diane Zehnder
Ron Pincumbe	Chris Smith	Mark Nichols	Amie Pincumbe	Wemdy Bates
Kyle Hondorp	Dean Gilbert	Tanya Ringlever	Kris Lindsey	Marney Ryan
Kyle Hamlin	Brenda Thompson	Kathy Custer	Connie Hammis	Kim Tanis
Tim Erspamer	Bridgid VonkronenBerger	Leslie Bauman Leach	Sally Raczkowski	Brenda Smith
Gary Jensen	Breeana Lintemuth	Sarah Hicks	Sherry Mountney	
Susan Olson	Meagan Lintemuth	Scot Donley	Kelly Nielsen	

Welcome, Introduction, and Overview by Sara Shriver.

Team Building Activity – Personality Colors was an activity for team members to get to know themselves and their colleagues to establish more effective and positive working relationships as teams.

Dr. Pope gave a district finance and bond update. She stated that the student enrollment numbers were up in comparison to the projected numbers from the spring. She shared that she would be waiting until after the first count day to report to the Board of Education. She asked building teams to start thinking about what the needs of the building programs are at this time in the event that the district could begin to add back some of the reductions made in the spring.

Sara Shriver gave an update on the progress of the Safe Routes to School grant application. She reminded staff that the school would be participating in the International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 8.

The MiPHY health surveys that were given to middle and high school students last spring was not discussed at this meeting. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting. The counselors attended a MiPHY reporting session this fall and would be sharing data with the administrators, and those results will be shared. The intent of using the data is to plan for student instruction in health education.

Each building was given time to review their current PD plan that was submitted last spring and make updates as to the progress of what has occurred thus far and what changes need to be made. Sara Shriver gave a reminder that any grant funded PD opportunities need to be pre-approved by the Department of Education prior to the event. The MDE process for approval could take several weeks.

Sara Shriver gave a curriculum update from the MAISD curriculum council meeting. She shared copies of the Montcalm Area and Ionia County ISD collaboration matrix. She also shared upcoming curriculum opportunities and stated that the county team is still planning a Day 3 session for Science and Social Studies staff at the MAISD. Dates are to be determined by the MAISD Curriculum Director.

Sara Shriver shared the new Board of Education Goals and Expectations for 2008-2009 with staff. This year the board wants staff to focus on the following:

1. Accountability

The board would like staff to focus on good attendance, positive attitudes, completing duties, minimizing time out of the classroom and increasing bullying awareness for staff and students.

2. Accessibility

The board would also like to emphasize staff accessibility to the public and to parents for providing student information in a timely manner.

3. Communication

The board is continuing the enhancement of communication goal.

4. Finances

The board's goal for finances is to increase to a healthy fund balance so that staffing and resources will be available for our students to compete globally.

After lunch, Sara Shriver reviewed the PA 25 requirements for school improvement planning and also the MDE Schoolwide rubric for Title I Schools. Buildings were given time to review and update plans using the two documents to make sure that all required components are included in building plans. It was also stated that although the middle and high school are not Title I buildings, that all buildings will use both documents and meet all requirements, as applicable, in the development of school improvement plans.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, November 18	8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Tamarack District Library
Wednesday, January 21	1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Tamarack District Library
Friday, March 20	8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Tamarack District Library
Wednesday, May 6	1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Tamarack District Library