PLANNING SESSION

Board members in attendance were Angi Dilkes Perry, Diane Downs, Tom Scott, Rob Sheveland, Andrea Weber, and Mike Zagyva. Absent Board member was Kristin Downs. Also in attendance were Trip Goodall (Superintendent), Kamela Davis (Board Secretary), Sheryl Lipksi, Sam Thompson, and Leah Hinkel.

1.0 Academic Vision

Superintendent Goodall discussed the planning and process for the district’s Academic Vision. He reviewed handouts including current Policy IA - Instructional Goals; an Academic Vision document outlining the vision, mission, and values; and an Academic Vision summary with examples of measurable goals. Mr. Goodall noted the Instructional Goals policy provides declarative statements around classroom instruction. A goal next year is to develop an administrative procedure to align with the instructional goals and address classroom practices and expectations. The Teaching and Learning department and Autumn Foster, Communications Coordinator/Project Manager, have worked to create sample Academic Vision documents. This fall the district will take a deeper look at student achievement data and craft measureable goals.

The Board suggested the following changes to the draft documents:

• Reword the measurable goals to inform the community in a more positive manner
• Use careful wording so the community easily understands the targets
• Remove the word “improvement” in the Academic Vision statement to read:

  Ensuring all district efforts reflect our vision, mission, and values while supporting our long-term goals

• Add an annual benchmark goal when applicable

As an additional consideration, the Board suggested involving parents in the goal setting process for their students.

2.0 Professional Development – New Curriculum

Sam Thompson, Carus Principal, shared a keynote presentation on the new enVisionmath2.0 curriculum. He highlighted features including curriculum mapping, supplemental materials, problem examples, and the visual learning bridge. The program aligns with Common Core State Standards and provides unit and lesson overviews as well many resources for teachers. As described, the program’s rigor has conceptual understanding, procedural skill and fluency, and application components. Another feature is a homework app for parents where a video tutorial is easily accessible with a smart phone. Mr. Thompson shared the feedback received from teachers regarding the curriculum has been positive.

3.0 Equity Training

Leah Hinkel, English Language Learner (ELL) Services and Migrant Education Consortium School Improvement Consultant with Clackamas Educational Service District, provided training on educational equity, its definition and implications for school districts. Ms. Hinkel
shared a keynote presentation with information on equity v. equality differences, systemic barriers, state and neighboring district responses, and some ways to implement programs to meet the diverse needs of students. Ms. Hinkel shared the following handouts with additional resources:

- North Clackamas School District (NCSD) Strategic Systems for Equity and Impact
- NCSD Equity Policy
- Persuasive Research Race Paper (Liberty School District)
- Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) Equity Lens
- Oregon Leadership Network (OLN) National Equity Project (NEP) Partnership
- Oregon Department of Education (ODE) 7 Keys to Success – Closing the Achievement Gap, Robin DiAngelo, PhD, Critical Racial and Social Justice Education Consulting

A discussion was held on current awareness efforts on disparity issues and next steps. The Board suggested facilitating open conversations with the community, participating in a similar “Race Paper” assignment, and establishing clear expectation around equity issues.

4.0 2015-2016 Reflections
A discussion was held on the 2015-2016 school year. The Board agreed a success this year was the curriculum adoption and would like to continue monthly updates. A challenge this year was receiving documents for the Board meetings at separate times. A suggestion was made to compile a final board packet to be distributed following the meeting with any additional handouts and corrected information, if applicable. Also, the Board would like ample time to process important decisions before a vote is requested.

5.0 Review of Board-Superintendent Working Agreements
The Board and Superintendent reviewed the Board-Superintendent working agreements. No changes were made.

6.0 Board Priorities
A discussion was held on the Canby School District Board of Directors Priorities document. The Board agreed to revise the following statement under “Enhance Positive School-Community Relations”: The district and each school will promote and provide meaningful and equitable opportunities for parent and community engagement.

7.0 Superintendent Goals
Superintendent Goodall reviewed performance goals for 2016-2017 highlighting areas that were added or changed. The Board suggested adding “by October” as the timeline for developing a plan for increasing student achievement with measurable goals over the course of four years and a plan for establishing methodology to examine quantitatively and qualitatively key programs and initiatives to determine effectiveness and to better set manageable goals. In addition, a suggestion was made to include “on an as needed basis” to the Board Chair and Superintendent faculty meetings throughout the year.

8.0 Board Agenda – Thematic Planning
The Board discussed agenda items for the 2016-2017 meeting schedule. Suggested topics were: monthly curriculum updates, Collaborative Team time, expansion of the CTE program, student baseline data, transportation, start of schools report, Professional Development calendar, start and end time discussion, semester v. trimester discussion, and
equity presentations. The Board Chair will meet with the superintendent for continued planning and to draft an agenda schedule for the Board’s review.

9.0 Board Leadership
Board leadership for next year was discussed and a tentative agreement was made to nominate Mike Zagyva as Board Chair and Tom Scott as Vice-Chair. The Board will vote at the August Organizational meeting.

10.0 Board Meeting/Work Session Dates 2016-2017
The Board reviewed the draft meeting calendar for 2016-2017. No changes were made.

11.0 ADJOURMENT
Angi Dilkes Perry adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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