

Directors' Meeting Agenda
4.5.16 – 10:30 a.m.

Present:

Cartner
 Sanders
 Hale

Ewers
 James-Davis
 Cowell
 Whitehurst
 Lane
 Godfrey
 Heath

Hawkins
 Pauley
 Heath
 Parker
 Thompson

Davenport
 Austin
 Sawyer

Leader	Notes
Cartner	<p>Dr. Cartner opened the meeting and asked for updates.</p> <p>Lane reported that he is working with RRMS staff to schedule STEM visits to schools in Pitt County and Greene County. The visits will be to investigate ways to implement STEM. Dr. Cartner noted that Greene County has a STEM school that received national recognition.</p> <p>Cowell reported that she will attend Master Literacy training next week and will attend another session at the end of April.</p> <p>Cowell reported that Dr. Sheila Williams at ECSU has requested that the PST meet with professors to discuss Common Core in order to help with teacher education preparation. Dr. Cartner asked that she also suggest ECSU investigate having some</p>

university staff trained in Learning Focused since a large majority of their graduates seek employment in ECPPS.

Pauley reported that benchmarks are in full force for the high schools and that the first meeting of the discipline policy review committee met on Monday. She thanked the PST for help in pulling together books for grades 6-8 thematic units.

PST team members reported on sessions attended at the Collaborative Conference for Student Achievement held in March 2016 as follow:

- Pauley (College Board session)
- Hawkins (session on discipline led by Steve Lassiter - new assistant superintendent for ECPPS beginning in June -- ECPPS data is a little better than the state level suspensions and the presentation centered on what happens before a suspension and forming positive relationships)
- Lane (session co-led by Steve Lassiter on instructional coaches which talked about their role in Pitt County -- he reported that he left the session feeling good about ECPPS and the things coaches are doing in the system)
- Sanders and Austin (session on Read to Achieve Summer School -- both reported ECPPS is moving in a positive direction regarding planning)
- Whitehurst (math sessions and wikis-- it appears the district is heading in the right direction -- she secured new resources to share with teachers)

Hawkins reported middle school EOG testing will be done differently this year. Middle school principals requested that math be administered first, followed by reading and then science as they felt it would be in the best interest of students. Elementary testing will follow the traditional EOG schedule (science, reading, math). Read to Achieve testing will be on June 7-8. Training for test coordinators will be done separately (elementary, middle and high).

Hawkins shared that DPI is in the process of a Math II & III standards re-write. The information is scheduled to be released on 4.15.16 and will be shared with the State BOE on 5.4.16. She will share additional information as the process unfolds.

Dr. Cartner shared that there is a possibility the BOE will only meet once in June and they will only meet once in July. He encouraged everyone to plan accordingly for items that will need to be on the June/July agendas.

Dr. Cartner discussed the budget process and indicated the two boards (BOE and BOC) will meet later this month or early May to review the local budget request. He indicated so far he has not received any negative feedback regarding the budget and he does not anticipate changes in the draft version unless the BOE make changes at its April meeting.

Dr. Cartner shared that he anticipates State budget information will be available earlier this year due to the State being in the second year of the biennium. He anticipates the local budget by July 1.

Dr. Cartner discussed the need to work with principals to spend funds more effectively. There was a rush to spend Title I funds by the March 24 deadline. He anticipates setting a deadline of before Christmas for the 2016-17 school year in order to “spend this year’s money on this year’s kids”.

Dr. Cartner informed directors that a Legislative Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th, 11:30 a.m. at PCHS. Board of Education members will meet with Representative Steinburg and Senator Cook to discuss legislative issues. He shared that directors are welcome to attend if they would like, but are not required to attend.

Sanders shared that LEAP training is scheduled for April 7, and the Leadership Academy will meet on April 7&8.

Hale shared information regarding HB 529 that was discussed at a NCSBA Charter School Funding meeting on March 22. If adopted HB 529 will significantly impact Fund 8.

Parker reported that bids are coming in for the Sheep window replacement and the J.C. Sawyer roof.

Hawkins inquired about PWM and the “going orange” breakfast program. Thompson reported that it is going good and student tardiness has decreased. He indicated he is looking at the possibility of implementing the program at PES next year and is also investigating CEP (all students eat free) for PWM. Davenport and Godfrey raised questions about CEP and its impact on program funding (Title I & E-Rate) which relies on free/reduced lunch application information for allotments. Dr. Cartner suggested that they contact their respective DPI program representatives to determine if it will have an impact on funding.

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.