**GRISWOLD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**School Improvement Advisory Committee**

**Minutes**

**April 9, 2021**

**7:00 a.m. - Conference Room**

Present: Brittney, Beebe, Hannah Bierbaum, Jennifer Bissell, Kelly Boucher, Pat Carlson, David Henrichs, Billy Hiatt, Nigel Horton, Tara Littler-Scholl, Sandy Nelson, Grant Rogers, Wendy Smith, Jordan Starlin

Mr. Henrichs welcomed the group and explained the purposes of the group. The group is responsible for the following.

“At least annually, the SIAC makes recommendation to the board with regard to

progress achieved with annual improvement goals for the state indicators that address

reading, math, and science.”

“Based on the committee members’ analysis of the needs assessment data, they shall

make recommendations to the board about the following components: 1. Major

educational needs; 2. Student learning goals; 3. Long-range goals that address reading,

math, and science; 4. Harassment or bullying goals and/or programs.”

Mr. Horton, elementary principal, and Mr. Hiatt, MS/HS principal shared student achievement data (reading, math, and science). It was noted that the ISASP’s (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress) was not given statewide last year due to COVID. Thus, a large portion of the district’s standardized assessment is out dated. However, during the previous year, the following achievement levels were obtained. Middle School / High School was commendable. Elliott Elementary was commendable. Lewis Elementary was high performing. The committee reviewed current student learning and long-range goals that address reading, math, and science and are not making any recommended changes for the 2021-22 school year.

Mrs. Bissell reviewed the district’s bullying / harassment policies, procedures, and programming. Following this review, the committee also voted to not to make any changes in this area for the 2021-22 school year.

Mrs. Bierbaum reviewed the district’s wellness policy (507.9) with the committee. She recommended the following changes to the policy.

1. The addition of the following targets to Goal 1 - “Nutrition Education and Promotion”.

• Include enjoyable, developmentally-appropriate, culturally-relevant, and participatory

activities, such as cooking demonstrations or lessons, promotions, taste-testing, farm

visits, and school gardens.

• Link with school meal programs, cafeteria nutrition promotion activities, school

gardens, Farm to School programs, other school foods, and nutrition-related

community services.

2. The addition of the following target to Goal 2 - “Physical Activity”.

• Encourage classroom teachers to provide short physical activity breaks (3-5 minutes),

as appropriate.

3. The addition of the follow targets to Goal 3 - “Other School-Based Activities That Promote

Student Wellness”.

• Provide parents a list of foods and beverages that meet nutritional standards for

classroom snacks and celebrations.

• Support the consumption of breakfast at school by implementing alternative breakfast

options to the extent possible (e.g. grad n’ go, breakfast in the classroom, breakfast

after 1st period, etc.).

The committee elected to support these recommended changes. Thus, this policy will be present to the board for amendment.

Mr. Horton sharing information concerning preschool for the 2021-22 school year. This information included the following.

• An information meeting will be held for parents on April 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the

Elementary Media Center.

• Students who are 3 year olds prior to Sept. 15 and 4 year olds prior to Sept. 15 are

eligible to attend preschool.

• The monthly cost for 3 year olds is $150 (part-time) or $300 (full-time). There is no

charge for 4 year olds.

The committee was given the opportunity to present any questions or concerns that they may have. The following topics were shared.

• The future use of the tennis courts was questioned.

• It was suggested the TLC program be expanded to provide professional development

opportunities to paraeducators.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 a.m.