Curriculum and Instruction Committee
September 27, 2017

Attendance:

Tracy Baron BOE Member
Shannon Johnson BOE Member
Michelle Kaczmarek ELA Instructional Chairperson (K-8)
Kara Walker AIS teacher - Springhurst
Doug Berry Asst. Superintendent
Lisa Brady Superintendent

Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI)

The Committee met with Michelle Kaczmarek and Kara Walker for a presentation on the new program being used with AIS students at Springhurst in grades 4 and 5. There was a lot of discussion about the various programs including the ELA After-School Academy Program (funded by SPRING and the District), Academic Intervention Services (AIS), Response to Intervention (RTI) tiers and which kids are in these programs. There can be cross-over for some students. Reading support includes short term intervention, small group instruction, supplement to classroom literacy instruction and provides support to reach grade-level competencies.

We now have 4 teachers providing reading support at Springhurst. The District is implementing a new Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) Reading Support program developed by Fountas and Pinnell. Previously, teachers were using teacher created lessons using leveled texts from common publishers and the focus of lessons were based on formal and informal assessments. The teachers were looking for a research-based program created for intervention in grades K-5 with a series of lessons that follow a clear scope and sequence of skills. The new program uses engaging texts and puts books in the hands of kids. It also allows for systematic assessment and progress monitoring. The program allows for flexible entry and exit, classroom connections and professional development is offered as well.

There was a lot of excitement about this program and the District’s providing very strong support early on in the elementary grades.

Topics Ahead:

Assessment and Demographic Data
   Regents Data
   3-8 State Tests
   IB Trends
Subgroup Performance
Revised ELA and Math Standards
Roll Out of new Science Standards - Science 21
PYP
Middle School Support for Economically Disadvantaged
Springhurst Math Support