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Academic Committee

February 15, 2022

5:45pm

Committee Members:

Present: Jennifer Allard, Elizabeth Phillips, Superintendent Suzanne Guntlow, Assistant Superintendent Christiansen

Absent: Anne Schaefer

- Riders Pathway to Success 2024
 - Lucas led the committee through a review of the goals and targets for the Riders Pathway 2024, which includes the graduation rate. As we the committee has discussed in previous meetings, it was emphasized that though the graduation rate has remained very high since Project 95 was initially set, this goal is a daily challenge, especially in light of the disruptions that we've seen the last two years. It should be noted that the students, teachers, staff and administrators all put in a tremendous effort to reach, and often exceed, this target.

- Data Report
 - The committee spent a significant amount of time working through the data reports for marking period 2 for the current 21-22 school year. This most recent marking period showed many improvements in the data, likely the result of the consistent assessment and adjustment of the various interventions that have been put in place this year, and last, to focus on skill and content gaps. The data clearly shows that those students who were in the classroom fulltime last year are reaching the targets more often than those who were not.
 - As it has in past meetings our discussion led a larger conversation about assessments and specifically the frequency of assessments within the classrooms. iReady is still very new to the majority of the district and teachers and administrators will continue to have conversations regarding assessments as the year progresses.

- PS Reading Program Update
 - Lucas updated the committee on the continuing work that is being done to identify a new reading program for the Primary School. The committee, along with administration, continue to work through the list of potential reading programs. The districts commitment to LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) training and the science of reading is guiding the discussion for the committee. The new reading program will be implemented for the 22/23 school year and much more information will be shared in the coming months.

- Next Steps
 - The committee will come together again in early April for spring data review.
 - Riders' Pathway Committee will meet in late April.
 - Building level Riders' Pathway Meetings ongoing

Next Academic Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 @ TBD