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Academic Committee

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Committee Members:

Present: Elaine Berlin, Elizabeth Phillips, Jennifer Allard, Superintendent Suzanne Guntlow, Assistant Superintendent Christensen

- Graduation data from SED
 - The committee reviewed last year's graduation data from the State Education Department. This is the official rate that SED shares publicly and this rate takes into consideration all students who were in that particular cohort, beginning in 9th grade. In other words, the state's data includes any students who dropped out, left ICC for another state, or graduated from another school-sponsored program if they were at ICC in 9th grade. Because of this difference, the SED rate tends to be slightly different than the rate that we examine as part of our Rider Goals.
- Rider's Pathway to Success 2024
 - Lucas led the committee through the Rider's Pathway reviewing targets under Goal 1.
 - This discussion led us into the review of the Data Report for Q2. We reviewed the progress towards our goals and changes in tracking process. The changes in tracking relate to the continued and increased use of the iReady platform data for students K-5. This data is particularly helpful because it is 'normed' data – allowing ICC to see how our students are doing compared to other students across the nation.
 - It is apparent from the data that the increased supports implemented over the course of the last three years are effective for students.
 - Lucas made a point to share that the teachers and administrators are regularly evaluating, modifying and creating new supports for students where and when needed.
- Rider's Pathway Committees
 - Lucas shared the work of the Elementary and Secondary teams who have been using and sharing the available data to make in-the-moment changes to their

teaching plans when needed. The access to these figures allows teachers to spend more time in needed areas and shift instruction however they see fit.

- o In the Pathway meetings the K-3 teachers are also sharing the positive outcomes from our new reading program. Both student and parent feedback has been excellent as well.
- o The next Pathway team meetings are scheduled for April 2023.
- PS reading program updates
 - o Lucas shared that the initial work is being done for the selection of a new reading program for our 4th and 5th grade students. The committee taking this work on has a greater number of participants than the group for the K-3 selection and includes teachers through grade 6. It is our hope that by having other grade level teachers involved in the process will continue the continuity between programs that we have had in the past.
 - o At this point in time the selection committee is working from a huge list provided by the Literacy Specialist at our BOCES of possible programs. The hope is that from this large list of options, a smaller list meeting ICC's needs will be created.
 - o The committee is working to make sure that our potential new programs will be LETRS aligned.
- Next Steps
 - o Q3 Data Review and Rider's Pathways Meetings will take place in mid-April.
 - o Building Level Rider's Pathway Meetings are ongoing.
 - o **Next Academic Committee Meeting: 4/24/23**