

BAC Meeting (virtual)
2/25/2021
Newton Middle School

Welcome/Celebrations: James

- **In attendance:** Angie Martorella, Kevin Wood, Kandy Timinski, Shawna McGuckin, Cameron Morgan, James O'Tremba.
- James apologized as committee members did not receive the email message sent out the morning of the 25th stating the meeting would be held in spite of the snow day. This is the last meeting of the school year for the accountability committee. I have since straightened out the problem with my groups in Google!

DAC Update: Shawna

- Donna Villamoor shared a budget update for the district, the budget was revised due to the passing of the mill levee in November. The school board did need to dip into the district reserves for a total of about 9.5 million dollars, this was due to COVID related issues, the creation of the TOPs program and several other factors.
- Ann Summers presented regarding CMAS and i-ready for the spring. At the present the plan is to move forward with the testing. The testing window will open in March after spring break. Ann also shared that the district did a comparison in i-ready testing from this fall to last year and overall decline in the district was about 2%. This is a relatively small decline since we have not had 100% in person school with students since March 13th of 2020. The district will use i-ready, CMAS from this spring and building PLC formative assessment data to track student growth this year.
- Robert Reichard gave the board report. The school board will vote on the interim board member at the board meeting. Several people were interested. This is temporary until the board election that will take place in November where three school board openings will be decided. Robert also confirmed Brian Ewert's announcement that we will resume 100% in person with all students on March 15th. The board will also begin work on closing East Elementary School and combining it with Moody Elementary School with a new building that will be built on the Moody campus. This will be a similar process as to what is currently taking place at Franklin/Highlands. An update was given on staff COVID vaccinations and the March 17th board meeting will include a student panel made up of high school students.

STAFFING UPDATE: James

James gave a staffing update which included teacher placements from Powell Middle School. Newton will be growing by 4.6 teachers in the fall. Three of which will be placemats from Powell. Since the meeting the placement process has been wrapped up and the following teachers from Powell will be working at Newton this fall: Chelsea Carstensen, Math, Matt Marshall, Spanish and Scott Braun, Social Studies. We are excited to have these teachers join our staff.

Newton's current vacancies will include a 6th grade math and a 6th/7th grade science position for next fall.

BUDGET: James

James reported that budget is directly related to the number of students enrolled in the building. This year our building budget was around \$87,000 dollars, this fall that will grow due to increased enrollment to approximately \$103,000 dollars.

ITEMS FROM THE GROUP:

James is not the notetaker that Megan Oaster is and he did not capture notes on this section. If any members have some notes please send them to James.....he apologizes!!!

Thanks to all of our accountability committee members. We had a great group this year. We will continue in the fall of 2021 when we are in our new building and can hopefully meet in person. I appreciate all of you for your time, especially Shawna and Melissa for attending the District meetings and reporting back to us and to Megan for capturing much more thorough and concise notes throughout the year than what I did on the final meeting.

Take care and have a great spring!