

Newton Accountability Meeting Agenda, 10/21/2021

- Welcome and Introductions: *James*
 - In attendance: James O'Tremba, Kevin Wood, Megan Oaster, Melisa Roth, Mike Pappas, Jennifer Delaney, Lisa Svede, Doug Jones

- DAC Update: *Melisa*
 - Superintendent's update from Brian Ewert
 - Student mental health/LPS student suicides
 - 60 page study was presented on Tuesday, and the results will be posted on the LPS website
 - Colorado is in the top 10/15% of state in teen suicide rate
 - BOE election coming up, budget will be the focus after the election
 - Bond Update
 - NMS Stadium will be done in the winter of 2023
 - CTE has broken ground
 - Franklin has been demolished
 - East will become a community center
 - Peabody's new purpose hasn't been decided
 - Not likely to have the money to turn high school fields into turf due to pandemic related cost increases
 - COVID Update
 - No significant illness for young children in our LPS community
 - 11/5/21 will likely be the start of vaccinations for children 5-11
 - Teacher vaccination mandate - there isn't one in LPS now, but there may be one coming due to federal funding
 - 80% of teachers who have reported are vaccinated, 5% will be asking for an exemption, 50% of teacher have not reported
 - Tri-county Health met with district about creating metrics for kids to unmask, and it's not functional at this time
 - Candidate forum occurred, the videos are on the LPS website

- UIP Review: *James*
 - James explained what a UIP is, and where to find it on the CDE website. The link is:
<https://co-uip-cde.secure.force.com/?dcode=0140&scode=4316>
 - Because our scores are high, we only redo our UIP every 3 years, so our last full plan was done in 2018/2019.
 - This year we'll continue working on three goals. The first is writing, in part because every year there are some students who receive a "0" on their

CMAS writing scores without explanation from the state as to why. Due to that, this area is a big focus for us.

- The second goal area is Social/Emotional. This goal is focused on attendance and getting students back into school and comfortable post-COVID.
- The third area we are focusing on is instituting a Standards Based Grading (SBG) grading system. We will do so for Work Habits this year, and for Academic Standards starting next year.
 - James clarified what SBG looks like, and let the group know that the high school level is not yet moving this direction. The elementary schools have been doing this for a few years.
 - Insufficient evidence has replaced the grade of “F.”
 - Honor roll will still occur this year, and we will find a way to honor students next year with SBG in place as well.
 - The group agreed that parent education will be the most complex part of the transition to SBG.
- Growth Scores: *James*
 - James shared NMS’s 2021 data presentation regarding our CMAS achievement and iReady growth scores (we do not have growth scores for CMAS).
 - Our overall iReady ELA scores went up throughout the building between the fall of 2020 and spring of 2021. We were only down 4% from pre-COVID scores.
 - Our 6th grade CMAS Math scores went up 13% post-COVID in 2021. Our 8th grade CMAS Math scores went up 10% post-COVID in 2021.
 - iReady math went up 16% overall in 2021.
 - Only 20 8th graders took the CMAS Science test in 2021, and NMS had the best scores in LPS (55% meets/exceeds).
 - James shared with the group that NMS’s block schedule was helpful in maintaining student instructional time during the changing schedules during COVID.
- Open Enrollment/Enrollment for 2022: *James*
 - Open Enrollment has two windows, the first one closes mid-November
 - We have room for approximately 40 open enrolled students for next year
- Items from the Group:

Melisa shared the link to the recording of the [DAC Board Candidate Forum](#) please access here to view the forum.

- Adjourn the meeting

Next meeting date: November 18th, 4:00 pm.