

Macomb Association of Curriculum Administrators (MACA)

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Minutes

Welcome & Introductions

Ed Skiba welcomed the group and turned it over to Dr. Flye.

Agenda Overview

Dr. Flye gave a quick overview of the agenda.

Science Follow-up Discussion

District Implementation: The Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)

Instructional Shifts

Chippewa Valley Team will share their Science Model along with strategies for high school teachers

Mike Klein introduced Dr. Jones, Sharon Moat, and Julie Hilker from Chippewa Valley. Chippewa Valley started the process of realigning the science standards in 2013. The group shared a PowerPoint that discussed the process in which Chippewa Valley used in the process of realigning of the standards and the training of staff in NGSS. After starting by writing their own units, Chippewa Valley has decided to purchase and implement IQWST at the middle school level. A complete overview of how IQWST was chosen and implemented was shared. They also shared the process and their student pathways for science at the high school level. For resources they are using Carbon Time (out of MSU), Model Based Biology, Interactions (Create from STEM from MSU), and others. These resources are on the resources list that was handed out at the last meeting.

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Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) Educational Resources

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Dr. Flye introduced Teri John and Lillian Demas who joined us from the DIA. Teri and Lillian shared all of the educational resources available at the DIA and reminded us all that it is FREE. This included transportation. Teri walked us through a handouts that were provided to share all of the resources. Chippewa Valley shared how powerful working with the DIA has been for them.

Accountability Update

Notifications

Letter Grades

Dr. Flye went over the Accountability index notification document that was included as a handout. Macomb County currently has two Partnership Districts that the MISD is working with. Also included as a handout was information explain how schools/districts are identified and targeted. An addition to the document was made in that Targeted Support and Improvement Schools (TSI) have an index of 30.64 and below.

A handout was also included that showed the MISD's estimate of a letter grade impact on county schools. This document is confidential. **Please do not distribute or share.**

Dr. Flye also shared a PowerPoint that came from a webinar from MDE.

M-STEP Check-In

Administration Progress and Questions

Technical Issues

On-site Visits

Dr. Jones shared that there is a problem with the fraction bar. There has also been problems with TSM errors and students being booted out and tests not being saved. ELA testing is taking much longer then stated. In some cases up to three times as long. Science is also taking much longer than the 35 minutes listed. It was suggested that we collect the actual time of testing and tech issues we are experiencing and send a unified letter from the county to share our frustrations. Emily McEvoy and Dr. Flye will follow-up with instructions.

Data & Assessment Update

Emily also shared information on accountability and said she would share her PowerPoint if you would like. She said the MDE received two responses for the state benchmark assessments, Beacon (which we are still trying to learn about) and the SmarterBalanced Interim Assessments.

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Emily will be working with Dr. Flye to set up a vendor presentation so we can learn more about each. She then gave an overview of the latest Spotlight. Starting next year, you will not be reimbursed for any assessments for K-2 as The State has the past couple of years. There was a conversation that as it stands, the MISD still plans on reimbursing NWEA at half the cost. MDE recommends that the 3-8 assessments be covered by The State. This can be seen in the FAQ referenced in the Spotlight.

MDE Update

Distribute Books: The book *Great Instruction Great Achievement for Students with Disabilities* was purchased using MACA funds and distributed to the group.

MACA Retreat: August 8 or 9

Dr. Flye will send out a survey to see what date works the best for the MACA leaders. She mentioned that a few locations we were looking at were the DIA, Stahls Auto Museum, and the Detroit Zoo.

Dr. Flye shared a quick update from the State of Board of Education Meeting. Presentations included Teacher of the Year, The Marshal Plan (will be sent digitally), School Safety, Professional Development that MDE is preparing regarding Counselor requirements, Standards for School Psychologists, and updates on the Partnership Model. She also shared a quick overview of the reorganization of MDE. Dr. Flye will share the names of the individuals and their new positions.

Treasurer's Report

John Thero shared the treasures report that was included as a handout.

Round-Table

Nothing was shared.

Southern Macomb Districts meet for Conversation and Collaboration.

Handouts

Agenda

Minutes from March 21, 2018 MACA Meeting

Accountability Index Notification/Every Student Succeeds

Accountability Index Summary with Letter Grades Comparison

MDE: Discussions Begin with 21 New Districts to Build Partnership Agreements

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Great Instruction Great Achievement for Students with Disabilities

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Next Meeting: May 16, 2018 with MCASA in Room 201 A/B

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