

## LLCA School Improvement Team Minutes

Meeting Date- 10/4/2017

Call to Order by Ben Gabin – Chair

Present: Dr. Watson, Ms. Cohen, Ms. Sarratt, Mr. Keever, Mr. Gabin, Ms. Dawkins, Ms. Barnes, Mr. White, Ms. Edgerton

Not Present: Ms. Wright, Ms. James, Mr. Keller, Mr. Lampson, Ms. Jones, Ms. Pace

Officers: As elected: Chair – Mr. Gabin, ViceChair – Ms. Searcy, Secretary – Mr. Keller

Dr. Watson presented our historical state assessment results that include Reading EOG and Math EOG for 3rd through 8th grade, Science EOG for 5th and 8th grade, and EOC for Math 1, English II, and Biology. Also, included during her presentation was the School Performance Data comparing the 2015-16 and 2016-17 scores for Reading, Math, Science, Math I, English II, Biology, ACT, Math Rigor, and CGR and that these scores make up the “Achievement Score” which counts as 80% of the School Performance Grade.

Dr. Watson presented the School Improvement Plan for 2016-2019 and communicated that the plan created last year by the SIT as a 3 year plan, but that the SIT will revise and update the plan as needed. At this meeting, SIT will be addressing the changes needed to update the School Improvement Plan for the 2017-2018 school year.

Items in School Improvement Plan that were reviewed/revised:

LLCA Contact Information – No changes

Leadership Team – No changes

Mission Statement – No changes

School Improvement Team members – Changes: Barbara Cohen added as teacher representative, Margo Jones committee position changed from “Parent Representative” to “Support Staff Representative”. Discussion was conducted regarding the need for Parent Representatives on the SIT. The Team explored the idea of having a parent from secondary and elementary represented on the SIT and asking Helen Pace (PTO president) to communicate to parents the need for these two positions.

NCSBE Guiding Principles – no changes

Lake Lure Classical Academy Board of Education Goals – No goals were applied to plan previous school year, no changes made currently.

School Profile – Dr. Watson made updates to student demographics, grade level enrollment, and staff to be current with the 2017-18 school year.

Comprehensive Needs Assessment – Data updated

Dr. Watson presented two bar graphs on Reading and Mathematics MAP Growth in terms of comparing the observed and projected.

Areas of Strength –

Academics: Added Tutoring program, included “art” with comprehensive music program, and added After School Clubs. Discussion about Mimio’s that are not working due to lightning strikes. Mr. Keever communicated that the insurance claim on those non-working units. Added: Open Multiple graduation tracks, Block Schedule, High school course catalog.

Stakeholders: Added Partnership with Chimney Rock, Mountain Branch Library, Lake Lure Baptist Church, Bills Mountain, and LLCEF.

School Safety: Added school safety drills conducted, sign in/out for visitors (lobbyguard), and surveillance in buses and hallways.

School Climate – No changes

Opportunities for Improvement –

Math: Dates changed and grade levels changed in opening paragraph, Create pacing guides to allow for the common benchmark assessments – changed to specifically address secondary, “secondary” removed from “Provide secondary math remediation for students below grade level”, “Provided each secondary math classroom with graphing calculators” – removed, added “New Math Program – Engage New York K-8”.

Reading: no changes

High School Curriculum: Removed all bulleted points. Added Professional development for teaching in a block schedule and Harry Wong PD videos.

Discipline/Behavior: Removed “develop a Safety Committee/Plan”, “Install surveillance system”, and “conduct safety drills”. Mr. Keever discussed the cost of a School Resource Officer (\$57,000) and his request/proposal for this position to the School Board, also he mentioned the investment of \$4,000 in “special” mulch for playground has been purchased to increase the safety of the playground.

Present members divided into groups to update/revise the Student Achievement, Stakeholder Involvement, and School Climate sections of the School Improvement Plan.

Members submitted to Dr. Watson their proposed changes so that they may be added and discussed at future SIT meeting with the goal of presenting the revised School Improvement Plan at the next faculty meeting.

Next Meeting: Not yet set

Meeting Adjourned (4:40 P.M.)