

Districtwide Improvement Committee Minutes

December 2, 2009

Debbie Ables and Cheryl Pritts shared the English as a Second Language program with the committee members. Debbie explained the process that is used to identify students, the testing used to qualify students for the program, the content of the ESL program and the exit procedures for students. At this time there are no middle school or high school Limited English Proficient (LEP) students. The elementary has three students receiving services while three student have exited the program and are being monitored. Debbie reviewed the components of the TELPAS (Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System) testing system with the committee. The assessment system has two components: TELPAS Reading and the TELPAS listening, speaking, writing and reading component. Both components are to assess the progress that the limited English proficient students make in learning the English language. Debbie noted some revisions to the ESL plan to keep it current with the testing procedures that were added by the state this year.

Rita Polen reviewed the Staff Development plan with the committee. She noted that there was a plan for both certified and non-certified personnel. The committee discussed the professional development that teachers thought would be helpful in 2010-2011. Teachers wanted and needed additional support on becoming a Professional Learning Community. This includes further support in developing common formative assessments and in becoming effective collaborative teams. It was noted that these concerns would be addressed in the district staff development.

The school calendar for 2010-2011 was also discussed. The committee suggested that this year's calendar would be an excellent starting point for planning next year. Having a week at Thanksgiving and spring break to match surrounding districts were important to DWIC members. If possible, the committee members would like to have the semester end before the winter break and have a workday on the day we return in January. Rita Polen asked for input from the committee on continuing to have two comp days to replace two staff development days. The committee thought comp days would be a valuable staff development tool.

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2010
Randolph High School
Room 21
4:00 PM

