Districtwide Improvement Committee Minutes

February 19, 2008

Rita Polen shared information on Randolph Middle School's program for Career and Technology. She noted that eighth grade students were given the Kuder Inventory for career interests. David Gibbs stated that elementary students in fifth grade used the Explore Career Magazine to begin to explore careers that might be of interest to them. Shirley McMenamin described the high school program which usually includes four courses – Business Computers Information Systems, Accounting, Business Law and Banking and Finance. This year no students chose to take the Accounting class. At this time there are 50 students enrolled in one or more of these classes. Shirley noted that three students who were in her accounting class last year were going to pursue careers in accounting.

Ricki Brady shared information on the district's special education program with the committee. At this time there are 54 students in special education at the elementary with 13 of these students being speech only. The middle school has 23 special education students and the high school has 22. These students are supported with a wide range of accommodations from participating in the general education program with modifications to being in a self-contained class for life skills.

The special education staff is working closely with the staff on each campus to implement school reform through Response to Intervention (RtI). The RtI principles include that we can effectively teach all students; intervene early; use a multi-tier model; and use problem-solving methods to support all students. The elementary is using the STEEP Universal Screening in reading fluency and math for all students in grades kindergarten through five. This program is part of a grant through Region 20 and our participation was based on PBMAS over identification of Hispanics in special education programs.

Bruce Cannon and David Gibbs reviewed the Student Code of Conduct which defines the district's discipline management guidelines with the committee. Bruce noted that each parent signed for a copy of the Student Code of Conduct at the beginning of the year. The code was also located on the district website for easy access.

Next scheduled meeting: **Tuesday, March 25, 2008**
Randolph High School
Room 21
4:00 PM