

Districtwide Improvement Committee Minutes

August 27, 2008

David Gibbs shared the elementary Campus Performance Objective, CPO, with the committee. It is as follows:

All students (with attention to low performing and at-risk students) will interpret and apply content vocabulary. The target goal will be 90% of all students will score 80% or better on a team developed vocabulary assessment. The target goal for commended performance will increase by five percentage points.

David explained that the faculty successfully worked to increase students' understanding of vocabulary during the 2006-2007 school year. This year they want to continue with the same CPO to increase student understanding even more. The campus added the target goal for commended.

Karen noted that the commended goal needed to have the phrase "for each content area test added to the end of the commended statement. Thus it states that the target goal for commended performance will increase by five percentage points for each content area test.

Allana Hemenway pointed out that the District Instructional Goals had been reduced to one goal and three activities rather than having a district goal for matching methods to student needs and for having a challenging curriculum. David Gibbs stated that the corrections would be made to the report.

The DWIC approved the elementary CPO.

Allana Hemenway shared Randolph High School's CPO with the committee. It is as follows:

All students will develop an assertion based on expository (nonfiction) text and support that assertion with relevant evidence. A four point rubric (based on the TAKS ELA expository short answer response rubric) will be used to assess students' written responses to the task given. Low performing and "at risk" students will be reported separately to track their writing skills improvement.

Students in grades nine through twelve will improve from 46% to at least 70% on TAKS objective 3, analysis and evaluation using short answer expository selections.

Bruce Cannon and Allana explained that the high school staff was committed to improving students writing across content areas.

The DWIC approved the high school CPO.

Randolph Middle School's CPO was shared with the committee. It is as follows:

All students will improve their understanding of content specific vocabulary. Low performing and "at risk" students will be reported separately to track their improvement.

Students in grades six through eight will improve from 95.4% to at least 96.9% on the summative average of all students and the commended rate will increase to 50%.

Allana and Bruce explained that the middle school had analyzed the data and while they had had improvement in vocabulary the campus wanted to continue to have the same Campus Performance Objective to continue to emphasize developing a deeper understanding of vocabulary for students.

The DWIC approved the middle school CPO.

The Districtwide Improvement Committee discussed the arrangements for the Campus Improvement Committee presentations on September 3. Each CIC will have share information about their results on meeting their Campus Performance Objective with DWIC. If the CIC needs the focus projector, they are to notify Rita Polen, and she will make the arrangements with technology. They will have copies of their Campus Improvement Committee Summary Report to share with the committee. DWIC members will review the three summary reports prior to the meeting on Thursday, September 11 when the committee will write the feedback to each CIC. This meeting was originally scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, but that meeting was cancelled due to a schedule conflict.

Rita Polen asked for volunteers to meet as a subcommittee on Friday, September 12, to develop a draft of the District Summary that would be presented to the Board of Trustees on September 25. Ron Bolin, Laurel McCurdy, Joyce Sullivan and Jennifer Adams volunteered to serve on the committee with Rita Polen.

The DWIC calendar for the year was reviewed and the October DWIC meeting date was moved from October 21 to October 28 so that the meeting did not conflict with the carnival.

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday, September 3, 2008
Randolph High School
Room 21
4:00 PM