



**South Winneshiek Community School District
School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)**

May 1, 2019, 4:30 pm
District Board Room, Calmar

District Vision: The vision of the South Winneshiek School District, with shared responsibility of school, home, and community, is to provide the best teaching and learning environment while developing skills needed to develop life-long learners.

District Mission: The mission of the South Winneshiek Community School District program is to assist and ensure that every student achieves his/her level of educational excellence in the areas of academic, career, and social/emotional development through a collaborative partnership with students, family, educators, and community.

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Members present**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Old Business**
- 5. New Business**
 - A. Overview of Talented And Gifted (TAG) Program from Mr. Wenthold.
 - B. Overview of At-Risk Program from Mrs. Munuswamy, Mrs. Euans, and Mrs. Kleve
 - C. Miscellaneous
- 6. Announcements**
 - A. Next Regular Meeting: October 23, 2019, Calmar Board Room @ 4:30 pm
- 7. Adjournment**

Tentative meeting dates:

- a. **Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 4:30, Boardroom, Calmar**
- b. **Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 4:30, Boardroom, Calmar**
- c. **Wednesday, April 22, 2020, 4:30, Boardroom, Calmar**

Suggested Items for the October 2019 SIAC Meeting Agenda:

- 1. Review of the 2019-2020 Reading, Mathematics, and Science Goals**

Minutes

Members present: Jason Halverson, Nicole Wiltgen, Gena Gesing, Connie Euans, Mike Wenthold, Glenna Munuswamy, and Kris Einck

Mr. Einck called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Talented & Gifted (TAG)

Mr. Wenthold explained the process of identifying students in which he uses a combination of objective and subjective data. Mr. Wenthold will be using the new ISASP data in the future. He will also look at the cognitive ability test which he puts into a matrix and if they achieve a specific score they are then identified.

There are two times that Mr. Wenthold will identify students at the end of the 3rd grade year, Mr. Wenthold identifies students for 4-8 grades and at the end of the 8th grade year, Mr. Wenthold identifies students for 9-12 grades. He explained in that "Passion Projects" are implemented as they get older to make it more specific to them especially at the high school level. TAG seminar is a class at the high school for TAG student which is worth credit. It is difficult to recruit students at the high school level. Next year Mr. Wenthold is looking at having the TAG students create an escape room. The group will take a field trip to look at other schools with escape rooms. They will meet with Mr. Wenthold periodically to work on the escape room, which will take at least the next school year to complete. There will be a theme and a story for the escape room.

At-Risk Program

Mrs. Munuswamy, high school success coordinator explained that there are different components of the high school at-risk program including mentoring and tutoring. She noted that just getting students started and clarifying things for them is usually the most important step.

She also visited about the Edgenuity program, which is a credit recovery program, students take online courses in order to make-up credits. South Winn requires students to take the face to face classes with our teachers first before taking the Edgenuity classes. Mrs. Munuswamy implemented a weekly progress check this year where students need to be at a certain point otherwise they receive a detention. This keeps them on track to finish the course in timely manner.

Mrs. Munuswamy also discussed 504 plan, check in check out, communication with administration and parents about various issues as other parts of her job.

Mrs. Munuswamy plans to get into the classrooms to work with students during and after the instruction next year which she feels will not only benefit the students but her as well. This will help her provide more assistance to the students because she will be more familiar with the content.

Mrs. Munuswamy and Mrs. Euans discussed the Mindfulness Space – ACES adverse childhood Events as well.

Mr. Einck informed the group that South Winn will have a social worker two days per week. South Winn will be sharing this position with two other schools.

During the miscellaneous segment of the agenda the group discussed the ELMS open house, which was the night before and how much of success it was!

It was noted that the next SIAC meeting will October 23, 2019 in the Calmar Board Room at 4:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.