



## DIC Minutes

2/26/19

**Members present:** Aryn Romo, Kyle Carlson, Derek Ault, Dave Schneider, Tammy Page, Jim Lotts, Brad Sale, and Amy Conway

**Check-in Process:** Committee completed check-in process

1. **BT Feedback:** BT will be in Parker on March 5, for student engagement professional development.
2. **District Safety** WES: lights near the basketball hoops have rust on them. Teachers have mentioned it would be nice to have a solid fence where the kids play so that outsiders do not have visual and quick access to the playground. Mr. Sale said it is in the 10 year plan and it will eventually be done as money is available.
3. **GCU:** Discussion on stipends for Mentor Teachers of GCU interns due to paperwork and getting a sub to cover when the GCU advisor is observing teachers. Aryn Romo will look into talking to the advisor about having flexible observation times that work around the Mentor teachers prep/specials etc. - so that a sub is not needed.
4. **AZ MERIT/AIMS Science Updates:** AIMS science will be taken on the computer this year for all 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. AIMS science for 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be taken the week of March 25<sup>th</sup>. April 16<sup>th</sup> for the high school. AZ MERIT testing window is April 1<sup>nd</sup> – April 26<sup>th</sup> with all students having to be done with writing on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Reminder to check all computers and make sure running and to let the tech department know immediately if a PC is down. Reminder to have security blockers and headphones for all students.
5. **Other Concerns:**
  - WJH: Clarification of alternative evaluation and when is the start date? Alternative evaluation will be available to all teachers who have been Highly Effective for three consecutive years at the same school for the 2019-2020 school year.
  - WES: New teacher recruitment ideas – Offer early signing bonus and incentives to turn in resignation early rather than at the end of the signing period. Mr. Sale said it's something we can look into for the future and is up for further discussion.
  - Blake: Canceling tutoring during conferences is it up to the district or school to cancel? Mr. Sale stated that schools can determine what days to cancel tutoring.
  - District Calendar discussion on how schools share the calendars with staff before board approval. All staff including classified should have access to the district calendar before approval.

### 5. **School Reports**

**Blake:** Blake students have spent the month participating in Jump Rope for Heart with Mrs. Hazel during PE and raising money for The American Heart Association. 80% of parents attended parent/teacher conferences and Mrs. Okershausen put on a fantastic book fair during that week. We also had a Science Fair during conferences where parents and students could check out the projects.

Kindergarten and first grade took a field trip to the dental department at the Indian Hospital. Blake held its BINGO/Literacy night on Feb. 21st. Kindergarten had a field trip to McGuire Farms and Second grade had a field trip to the Wildlife World Zoo. Spring pictures are Feb. 27th. 1,825 items were collected for the food bank during our February Food Drive with Ms. Redman's class collecting the most. All grades at Blake are finishing third quarter testing. Aryn Romo is Blake's Teacher of the Year.

**Le Pera:** The Le Pera teachers defeated the students in Le Pera's annual teachers vs. student's basketball game that was held on Feb. 8th. The Le Pera coed soccer season is well underway. The Rebels soccer team lost to Ehrenberg on Monday, Feb 25th by a score of 7-2. The last game of the season will be on Thursday, Feb 28th at home vs. Salome. Title 1 MATH NIGHT is Wednesday, Feb. 27th at 5:30 p.m. Students will be playing math games and receiving materials for games they can play at home. Each student will also receive a free book for participating. Le Pera will hold an AzMerit Pep Assembly at 1:00 on April, 5th. On Friday, May 10th PBIS will once again be holding a 3 on 3 basketball tournament for grades 3-8 students. In order to participate students must pay the entry fee (50 Rebel bucks) and must not receive any referrals in the 4th quarter. Also, junior high students must hold at least a C in all of their classes.

**WES:** Class pictures and spring portraits took place today. Student Council continues to hold morning homework tutoring in the library from 7:30 to 8:00 Monday – Friday's during lunch recess they are selling snow cones. Attendance mentoring continues to support our targeted students by improving their attendance. Parent teacher conferences - we had an 84% attendance rate. Grade levels are starting to focus on AZMerit performance coach items for the reteach sessions – many plan to attend the data day during spring break to plan their reteach to specific standards. Hoops for Heart we have raised \$5,600 so far – Friday is the last day to turn in donations. Fourth grade will go to the Wild Life Zoo today and tomorrow.

**PHS:** Parker High School is wrapping up many end of the year activities and projects. We just completed FFA week, where our FFA club is out in the community providing service and recruitment for their club. National Honor Society and Student Council assisted with take a kid fishing while other schools from La Paz County attended. We also just held a career fair for juniors and seniors and had over 25 businesses and careers there to share with our students. And lastly, we just finished up our "Writing across the Curriculum" essays where students write essays in their content to prepare them for AzMerit.

**WJH:** Wallace Junior High has been following their BT calendars with no issues reported. In sports, the Wallace Junior High Soccer team played against LePera on Wednesday, February 20. They also participated in a tournament in Salome on Saturday, February 23. The tournament marked the conclusion of the season. The 8th grade basketball team finished their season with a tournament on Saturday, February 2 at Mohave Accelerated in Bullhead City. Several students have expressed interest in Golf and are looking forward to improving their skills with Mr. Nelson. Track and Field will also begin soon for WJH students. In academics, the Wallace Junior High students have been practicing daily for the AZ Merit tests by completing test prep packets during Study Hall. The Spelling Bee was won by Maria Loudbear (6th grade) and Alexandra Yazzie (6th grade) was runner-up. They competed at the County Spelling Bee on Thursday, February 21. Wallace Junior High Mathletes competed in a Math competition at ASU Havasu on Friday, February 15. Our school took 3rd place overall for the competition. One 7th grade team, consisting of Natalie Shillito, Elijah Fisher, and Cadence James, took 2nd place. And, Natalie Shillito placed 1st against all 7th graders. Next year they are planning on competing in the math challenges October through February. Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on Wednesday, February 13 and our school had over 150 students represented. The January Elk Teen was Reagan Brown and the February Elk Teen was Divit Bajaj.

***Reminder: Next meeting is March 26 at 1:00 p.m. in the district conference room.***