



HINSDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

Board of Education

Thursday, September 9, 2015

5:30 pm

Lake City Community School English Classroom

Workshop

Agenda

1. Speaker: Stormy Cochran, Gunnison Special Education Advisory Committee
2. Review DP-6, Educational Quality (all parts)

Special Meeting

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1. Call meeting to order, pledge of allegiance and roll call.
2. Action item: Consider approval of Resolution for Cancellation of School Board 2015 Election

Policy Type: Directional Policy

Educational Quality

Hinsdale County School District continues the Vision, Mission and Values of the District (see DP-1 and GP-1) and a commitment to state standards.

Areas of new or continued investigation, performance, evaluation, resource allocation and/or growth identified for this policy shall include:

1. Commitment to Quality Instruction

Every student deserves to be taught by a talented, competent, dedicated and highly qualified teacher. Student learning is linked to teacher clarity, enthusiasm, variability of lesson approaches, using higher order thinking, employing students' ideas and probing student comments (Doyle, 1985). To this end, Hinsdale School district offers quality teachers and staff a professional environment and communicates and expects high standards of professional behavior. Quality instruction standards for the Hinsdale School District are outlined in Administrative Policy GCAA. Unique instructional practices, attributes and characteristics expected of Hinsdale School District instructional staff are as follows:

- Creative and active student engagement in Hinsdale County's unique mountain environment, local scientific research, history, culture and art.
- Ability to provide individualized, differentiated instruction to learners in multi-grade classes.
- Analysis of data from evaluation methods to inform instruction and guide resource allocation
- Understanding and appreciation of the students, parents, staff and community members in our small town setting and remote location.
- Experiential, inquiry-oriented, higher order learning practices that take learning beyond the textbook and engage students in real world learning.
- Commitment to the Personalized Education Process, including analysis of student work and learning and the ability to make adjustments to teaching methods and tools as necessary.
- Participation in professional development that supports the educational needs of Hinsdale School district students and improves quality of instruction.
- Knowledge and appropriate application of technology to support student learning and higher order thinking.
- Commitment to work in a collegial manner and be willing to learn and grow from fellow staff.

2. Commitment to recruiting and developing and retaining quality teachers

- Aggressive recruitment of excellent teachers with educational practices in line with the district's vision, mission and expectations.

- Hinsdale School district will promote the Lake City Community School, improve salary offerings and investigate ways to support living in Hinsdale County.
- Teachers will participate in exciting and challenging professional development, set annual goals for improvement and engage in a purposeful evaluation to improve educational instruction.
- Probationary teachers will receive on-going mentoring, support and evaluation focused on improving teaching practices.

3. Commitment to a challenging, motivating, fun and thorough course of study for all students occurring both in and outside of the classroom.

- All core curriculum courses offered, including foreign language
- Additional on-line learning courses are available and are monitored and supported by teaching staff
- Curriculum is adopted and developed that is standards based and is aligned and sequenced across grade levels.
- Comprehensive approaches are used for math, reading and writing instruction and all staff use common vocabulary in communicating instruction
- Outside learning opportunities, including field trips and research projects, that foster an appreciation for our local environment and for the experience of life and opportunity outside Lake City are offered
- Fun, happy, memorable, lively education process for all students
- One significant, life-changing trip for each child during his/her school experience

4. Co-Curricular Development

Hinsdale County School District provides opportunities for students' personal development in co-curricular disciplines or activities including physical activity, athletics, student organizations and clubs, art, music, speech and drama by:

- Support of a minimum of one school sponsored group sport/activity each year
- Continued coordination with the Lake City Area Recreation Department to increase student opportunities for recreation and activities
- Cooperation with Build A Generation to help develop opportunities for students
- Continued investigation to increase student access to regional and statewide opportunities and activities
- Support for staff interested in sponsoring student clubs and organizations

5. Social Skills

Hinsdale County School District helps students work toward greater demonstration of responsible social skills at age-appropriate levels by:

- Maintaining clear and consistent standards and expectations of behavior to guide students in being responsible citizens and leading a balanced and productive life.
- Adopting common conflict resolution and discipline practices that are practiced by staff and students and communicated to parents

- Respecting and appreciating diversity and multi-cultural interaction, learning and discovery

6. Citizenship

Hinsdale County School District works toward teaching students to demonstrate good civic responsibility at age-appropriate levels by:

- Encouraging civic engagement opportunities for all students and requiring Community Service credits for graduation.
- Offering opportunities to actively engage in school and civic processes, e.g. student council, Build A Generation, student school board representative, Town Council and County Commissioner meetings, etc.
- Promoting and supporting student leadership opportunities.

7. Commitment to a Personalized Education Process to include:

- Planning a challenging, enriching and personalized course of study for each student
- Teacher, parent and student participation in bi-annual goal setting conferences
- Acceleration and pacing to meet basic educational needs and higher level skills.
- Analysis of assessment data to evaluate growth
- Exploration of comprehensive qualitative evaluation system, in addition to quantitative measures, including portfolios of student and teacher selected work, student reflection and assessment of work, and student choice projects.
- Celebration of Student Achievement

8. Preparation and counseling for post high school educational and occupational experiences

- Initiate preparation and counseling for post high school in 6th grade.
- Offer high school students academic counseling, academic mentors, test preparation and college entrance examinations, career discovery, tours of educational institutions and post high school planning counseling.
- Explore vocational work-study opportunities.

1st reading February 28, 2002

2nd reading March 28, 2002

3rd reading, adopted April 25, 2002

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1st reading as revised 9/23/2010
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2nd reading, approved 10/25/2012

Monitoring Method: Internal Report
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