

## **DELTA Agenda**

**June 12, 2019**

**5:30- 7 pm**

Notes

### Attendance:

Leona Antoine, Cassie Eanes-Brown, Cynthia Eubanks, Kim Fuller, Erica Hill, Melissa Johnson, Adrineh Mehdikhani, Njeri Shomari, Verdell Taylor, Jr, Dr. Anna Stubblefield

- I. Welcome
- II. Reports/Updates and Discussion – Dr. Stubblefield
  - ✚ Officer Positions
    - ✚ Cynthia Eubank will continue as DELTA Chair Person
    - ✚ Kay Emerson will begin service as Co-Chair/Chair-Elect for Delta
    - ✚ No other individuals inquired about officer positions.

### **Equity Policy -Melissa Johnson**

- provided an update about the Equity policy that is in process of revision. This policy will be in the process of revision until after additional training occurs in the fall. Handouts provided to attendees.

### **Strategic Plan Update- Dr. Stubblefield**

- On May 13<sup>th</sup> a presentation was provided by Greenway to help build a framework for beginning initial steps for the nine initiatives chose by the Executive Leadership team for phase-one implementation for the upcoming school year.
- See Presentation Slides Below:  
[https://www.boarddocs.com/ks/usd497/Board.nsf/files/BC5VG26D85BA/\\$file/Lawrence%20%20Public%20School%20Board%20sp%20update%205.13.19%202nd%20revision.pdf](https://www.boarddocs.com/ks/usd497/Board.nsf/files/BC5VG26D85BA/$file/Lawrence%20%20Public%20School%20Board%20sp%20update%205.13.19%202nd%20revision.pdf)
- From the ongoing meetings and revisions, the final draft will be submitted to the board on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019.  
See Current Draft -  
<https://www.usd497.org/cms/lib/KS01906981/Centricity/Domain/4/StrategicPlan5.13.2019.pdf>

### **Vaping- Why is this such an important issue now?**

Guest Speaker- Denise L. Johnson, Assistant Director, Health & Wellness

- Vaping is on the rise in secondary classroom setting across the district and the effects on the body are currently unknown. However, what we do know is that this is highly addictive.

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- Currently the district is providing prevention training in 5<sup>th</sup> , 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades around the school district within the health science instructional time. Prevention learning of the hazards of vaping and use of tobacco products is focus on awareness for students, teachers and families.
- USD 497 has started a Chapter of Resistance, with is a youth lead advocacy group regarding the hazards of tobacco use. This group which is open from middle and up helps build student awareness, promotes self-confidence and teach employment skills such as project management, financial accountability and public-speaking.
- Chapter of Resistance also focus on peer mentoring and teaching leadership opportunities for students.
- This group is looking to grow, possible add internship opportunities for students and increase their representation of students of color. To get your student involved Contact Denise L. Johnson, Assistant Director of Health and Wellness.

**Curriculum Update** Dr. Stubblefield/Jennifer Bessolo – Curriculum Director with USD 497 discussed the recent update.

- Currently USD 497 are moving from textbook driven learning to theme based learning for students. All curriculum review is taking place within a 5-year phase model to help with the study progression of curriculum update and budget needs.
- The school district acknowledges there is more transparency with curriculum and student learning standards and will be reviewing different formats such as the district website to make this information more readily accessible.
- Also new- to help ensure that Equity remains entwined throughout revision, Danica Moore, Equity Facilitator for Lawrence Public School, will be take on more of an active role with revisions.
- Currently the Executive Leadership team is working through a 16-page doctrine that helps align curriculum with the movement of district needs.
- Once a subject such as English Language Arts is developed, it will go through a feedback review session with different advisory groups with the district prior to being submitted to the school board for revision.
- Team discussed frequency of meetings to occur on a quarterly basis and several topics were suggested about information that could be shared.

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**Restorative Practices-**

- Handout was provided with short group discussion.

III. Meeting Dates for 2019-20 School Year (Group)

Dawn Downing will send out a poll to determine possible meeting dates.

**Next meeting is on July 10<sup>th</sup>.** Meeting topics are to be determined.