

Strategic Plan Goal #2 Agenda & Minutes
January 21, 2009
Wood River Middle School

Goal #2: Every student receives a rigorous curriculum that prepares them for college and is supported by challenging, inspiring, and relevant instruction.

I. Action Overview

A. Goal

1. List of firm proposals to Board (can use chart)
 - a. prioritized
 - b. estimated cost

B. Today

1. Review and price first proposal – IB

Aggressively pursue International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (MYP) training and certification, while simultaneously exploring the Primary Years Program (PYP) and Diploma Program (DP).

Cost: Fritz will do more research on total cost projections

- many of the costs are committed to training
- will need to hire .5 coordinator at WRMS and WRHS to be on-site full time (use existing staff if possible) – may result in 1 FTE
- application fees
- trainer to visit our sites
- *roughly* \$200,000 up to 2012
- need on-going training costs once reach certification
- *roughly* \$100,000 a year to maintain – salary and benefits included
- next fall – consider sending someone to a coordinator's training (minimum by 2010)
- bank money every year to support IB

Priority: 1

2. IB updates
 - Fritz updated us on the next training (second) in Denver/Keystone in June (28th – July 1). Will send 4 in English, 3 in Science, 2 in Humanities, and 2 in Math – send a team from both the middle and high schools – Level 1 training (grades 9 and 10 for high school). – Total about 14-15 people (\$15,000 for this summer) Need both schools to solicit interest.
 - WRMS is sending Susan to IB training for librarians.

- Julia will talk with John – perhaps set up a meeting w/ Fritz – to prepare for this June training.
- Interested School – form completed/become official – once processed we receive a school code and become recognized
- Boise – Riverstone – Private School – just recently became certified...consider visitation (only MYP school in state)
- Appreciate customer service (from data)
- Talked briefly about the phases (interest application, application A, application B...)
- Move in early fall for additional training (not wait until summer 2010)
- Measured results – based on state testing (Colorado) – Sara and Alicia will send out question to IB — (California) Matt will inquire California
- How do we address needs of children who might struggle with IB curriculum?

3. Acceleration discussion: continued

a. GATE or other acceleration

- How does GATE interface w/ IB (feedback from Sara's inquiry)
 - be careful - not add courses – built w/in courses – no pull-out
 - could level w/in IB program

Provide enrichment learning services at every school that addresses the educational needs of advanced level students overseen by a GATE facilitator

b. AP

c. AVID

January 26th –presentation in Boise

4.College/Career Counselor

Every child will receive yearly college/career counseling starting in the spring of 8th grade from a licensed college/career counselor.

Cost: \$20,000 (registrar to free up current counselors) or \$80,000 (FTE)

Priority: 2

5. Other previous discussion items

- NEU
- ELL training: SIOP, GLAD, etc...
- PASS
- All day K
- extended school day/year
- Math Initiative
- math classes at secondary
- assessment
- individual learning plans
- mentorships
- SAT Prep