

# Community Advisory Group

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February 29, 2016 / 5:30-7:00 PM / High School Commons

## ATTENDEES

Aimee Baker, Amelia Chamley, Tania O'Neal, Bill Lonn, Robin Damveld, Lidia Haughey, Clint Elliott, Janet Lee, Katie Seabolt, Ross Ketchum, Laurie Yaracz, Jill Judd, Brandon Farris, Marty Gale

## AGENDA

### New Business

1. Community Advisory Group Business
  - a. Introductions
  - b. Selection of Chairman and Secretary
2. Math Curriculum Update
3. Computer Lab Workshop for Parents/Community Members
  - a. Clint Elliott - Powerschool
  - b. Ross Ketchum - Google Classroom
  - c. Janet Lee - Math IXL
4. Open discussion of new issues and ideas
5. Date and agenda for next meeting

## NOTES

- Marty Gale opened the meeting and welcomed participants
- Group adjourned to the technology lab for the workshop
  - Clint Elliott presented on Powerschool (our student data management system)
    - How to:
      - set up a parent account
      - customize emailed reports from parent portal
      - find data on their children
  - Ross Ketchum presented on Google Classroom App
    - Communication and collaboration tool
    - NOT a grading tool

- Accessed through student email
  - Student work is private Familiar format that encourages collaboration between teacher/student and student/student
  - Cuts down on paper use as well as “lost” homework
- Janet Lee and Katie Seabolt presented on Math IXL
  - IXL is a web-based math and language arts practice program
  - All lessons are aligned with the Wyoming State Standards
  - Teachers utilize the program to reinforce curriculum
  - IXL allows teachers to individualize the learning for students by assigning specific lessons for students to work at their own pace
  - Students have unlimited access to all IXL grade levels and skills
  - IXL provides immediate feedback with question-specific explanations for every incorrect answer
  - Analytics reports keep teachers updated on what students are working on
    - reports offer instant access to real-time data about students' practice
    - teacher can see progress and intervene immediately as students need help
    - troubleshooting report groups any students that are making similar mistakes
  - ixl.com allows the teacher to directly align the lessons taught to the standards by grade
  - IXL is used as a supplement to teacher direct instruction with daily, short, 10 to 15 minutes, practice sessions for math or language arts
- Marty Gale presented the math curriculum review timeline for this year
  - Participants were given the timeline plus the rubric teachers are using for instructional materials review
  - Community members and parents were encouraged to be a part of the review process as materials are chosen in April and May
  - Chosen materials will be presented at the next CAG meeting for review as well
- Marty Gale also asked CAG participants to pick up a ballot for FCSD#2 teacher of the year if they are interested in nominating a candidate
  - The ballot includes qualifications and details of the award sponsored by the Wyoming Department of Education
- Marty Gale opened the floor for an open discussion time
  - There were some follow-up questions regarding the math curriculum timeline and adoption process
    - Math XL was discussed as a curriculum supplement to a Pearson Math product currently used
    - Math XL is different than the Math IXL program demonstrated earlier in the evening
      - Both are supplemental to instruction
    - Professional development will be provided to all math teachers once a new instructional tool is decided upon and purchased

- Fidelity of implementation is important as we commit to instructional tools that are research-based and proven to be effective for our students' proficiency in mathematics
- Marty Gale asked for questions/issues/topics for next meeting
  - Math curriculum and instructional materials will be presented as a follow up next time
  - Math XL was also a topic brought to the group for a possible agenda item
  - Possible presentation of high school level Math XL by David Trembly

## NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

Next Meeting: Monday, April 11, 2016, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Dubois High School Commons