Curriculum Liaison Council Wednesday, December 1, 2021 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Perry Middle School Worthington Schools, Academic Achievement and Professional Learning



In attendance:

Laura Kalister and Kathya Mahadevan, Bluffsview; Julian Wicks, Brookside; Tera Huffman, Colonial Hills; Courter Shimeall, Evening Street; Tesa Williamson, Granby; Lindsey Beachy, Liberty; Lauren Vokovich, Sutter Park; Andrea Flavigny, Worthington Estates; Annie Phitayakorn, Worthington Hills; Tasha Addy, Worthington Park, and PTA Council President; Christy Bowen, KMS; Caris Post, McCord; Andrew Vogel, Perry; Angela Spiegle, Phoenix; Rebecca Billingslea, WKHS; Kelli Davis, WKHS; Nikki Hudson, Board of Education; Jodi Robertson and Ken Nally, Phoenix; Sean Flynn, Phoenix & Worthington Academy; Angie Adrean, Kim Brown, Neil Gupta, Rob Messenheimer, Kelly Wegley, Toya Spencer, Steve Griffin, Tom Kaczmarek, Brian Geniusz, Ben Rule, Kathy Riebel, Worthington Education Center.

- 1. Welcome Angie
- 2. Building Tour and Programming
 - a. Jodi Robertson Perry MS, Principal
 - b. Ken Nally Perry MS, Assistant Principal
 - c. Sean Flynn Phoenix MS and The Worthington Academy, Principal
- 3. October "What's On Your Mind" Activity Results Angie
- **4.** Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion <u>Newsletter</u> and BOE Goal: Intentional efforts in curriculum writing will expand access, exposure, and meaningful use of diverse, grade-level texts Angie and Toya
- 5. AFTGOTO

Meeting Notes

Welcome & Introductions - Angie Adrean

• Welcomed everyone to the 2nd CLC meeting

- Welcomed reps here for the 1st time this year Lauren Vukovich new rep from Sutter Park, Courter Shimeall rep from Evening Street, Angela Spiegle rep from Phoenix, Rebecca Billingslea rep from WKHS
- Next meeting is March 9th, State of the Schools, we will meet prior for a light dinner of pizza and salad and so we can go in together as a team.
- Last meeting is April 6 at an elementary school. CLC meetings are typically at the Worthington Education Center, this year we wanted to have some school visits.
- Introduced Sean Flynn, principal of Phoenix and Wo Academy, 3rd year in building; Jodi Robertson, 1st year principal of the new reborn Perry MS.
- Divided up into 2 groups to tour with the two principals, they shared the programming that happens at their schools, then flipped to visit other schools.

<u>Sean Flynn & Jodi Robertson</u>

- Excited to show us the spaces and learn what they are all about.
- CLC parents get to see the transparency and ask questions and get honest feedback to share back with buildings.
- They feel the campus is a wonderful pairing of 2 different middle schools.
- Phoenix Middle School is Worthington's lottery-based 7th and 8th grade building that focuses on Global Awareness, Creative Expression, Intellectual Discipline, Wellness, and Character. <u>Find more information here</u>.
- Worthington Academy is Worthington's blended learning high school program open to all Worthington students. The program features a blend of in-person and online learning that is adaptable to individual needs beyond a traditional classroom setting. <u>Find more information here</u>.
- Perry/Phoenix/Academy is the third largest student population in the district.
- Perry is proud of how far they have come as a new building. The main focus has been on establishing a strong culture between the staff and students. Parents were told about collaborative "I Wills" created by students and staff to set the commitments for each space. The first year in a building is all about continuous improvement and redesign and Perry continues to engage in that work weekly.

Angie - October "What's on your Mind?" Activity Results

- <u>"What's On Your Mind"</u> Activity Results, at the 1st meeting CLC reps were asked 3 questions
- As we think ahead about the April meeting, we would like feedback of what the CLC reps would like to see at an elementary building. What do they want to learn more about?
- When reporting back to your PTA/PTO's, if they have questions, send those to us so we can help answer them.

Toya Spencer - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- Angie introduced Toya Spencer, Director of Diversion, Equity & Inclusion.
- <u>Newsletter</u> 1st newsletter, it was a work in progress, it is Toya's approach and philosophy of how she wanted to get started in Worthington. Toya said she took a step back to build relationships with people, to really get to know principals, teachers, different community groups and truly appreciates that opportunity. The newsletter is this is who I am, my vision, review of last year, what's happening now. It includes information on the 34 DEI Champions in our buildings, who are teachers or counselors, being paid a stipend to do this

work. They are literally the connectors in their buildings, they are the ones out there connecting and leading DEI in their individual buildings.

• Questions - Should we know who these Champions are in our schools? A template was provided to each principal for Champions to introduce themselves and then to be shared by the principal in their newsletters. Here is a <u>LIST of our DEI Champions</u> and their roles in their buildings.

Next Meeting

- State of the Schools on March 9 and WKHS.
- If there are topics you want to hear about, please email Angie Adrean or Kathy Riebel so we can plan to meet these needs at a future meeting.