

(E)Quality Minutes May 9, 2016

Meeting called to order at 4:03 pm

Minutes reviewed and L.Anderson-Levy moved to approve. D.Wilson seconded.

Dr. Williams

Update on Merrill Center Alternate Site: Suspensions, Expulsions, etc.

Significant decline this year - 2015 approx 69, 2016 so far approx 13.

We have formed a partnership with the Merrill Community Center - Winnie Ward is SDB staff serving as teacher there currently.

Expectation that school staff is using school based intervention models first to serve the students, but if the student is no longer responding to the school based interventions, instead of an out of school suspension where the child is at home doing nothing (or out unsupervised in the community), the child can be assigned to the Merrill Center. We ask the school to provide work (current and missing) to do, while also addressing the behaviors that brought the child to the Merrill Center and the opportunity to participate in Restorative Practices. Incident is recorded, but suspensions do not accumulate. Feedback has been positive so far. We know it is not a silver bullet, but a process we are working to fine tune.

We are looking at expanding to a West side location next year, possibly Boys and Girls Club. TBD.

"To those who say we are not doing things to engage kids: we are doing things differently around here!"-- Dr. Williams

What are we doing currently to work with students who are expelled?

- BLA: Students currently can attend after school from 3:30 - 5:30 pm

What if we looked at possibility of alternative sites from 9 am - 12 pm → Community Action, Merrill Community Center? We have the possibility of reallocating staff to do that at no cost to district to do it. Looking into that with the other locations.

Juvenile Justice

David Wilson / Jeremy Brown

Wondering how we can have students and families access services without entering the JJ system and the initial intake being considered technically an "arrest"

There is a small group working with the Juvenile Justice Diversion Project but we are not at the point of disseminating that district wide, as this is an initiative with three targeted schools through a State project.

All school staff can access Rock County Crisis to make a referral for an assessment. Crisis and Juvenile Justice discuss and determine which direction is most appropriate for the child.

Services can be accessed without an arrest but no matter what, services are limited by the human resources that exist. By one individual providing supports, it minimizes support available to those on the caseload already identified. (Careful opening the door when the services are limited for the kids who are already in the system)

SRO's recently attended a training with DA office to clarify the role of SRO's is safety in school, and there needs to be clarification and possible policy/procedure to solidify chain of command and structure when admin vs. SRO is to be brought in.

Jeremy's point of view: would love to be "worked out of work"

Current practice is to use a screener tool, as well as information on file to identify mental health needs of children - Juvenile Justice Policy Academy will also use a universal screener to identify MH needs

Announcements

Summer program registration going on now for Boys and Girls Club

Softball Registration ends Friday, May 13 for Boys and Girls Club

Jim & Cheryl Caldwell Phoenix Learning Center dedication at Boys and Girls Club May 27 3:30 - 5:00 pm

May 19 - 6 pm Minority Scholars - Barkin Arena - grades 6-12 GPA 3.5 sem. 1 of this school year - over 300 have earned it! BMHS Alumni come back to speak to the students- great event!

Wednesday, May 11 - MEO & Help Yourself - Job Olympics @ Beloit College

Summer School Sign Up going on for SDB! Spread the word!!!

Aldrich Hispanic/Latino Heritage Night - 5 - 6 pm Tuesday, May 10

Saturday, May 14 12pm - 9 pm Stateline Peace Rally @ Riverside Park

Dare to Dream Crimson and Cream Scholarship Ball - May 21 - Milwaukee Crowne Plaza - scholarship fundraiser

Meeting adjourned 4:59 pm

Moved L.Evans

Seconded D.Wilson