Excellence in Student Achievement March 4, 2020 Minutes

In attendance: Chair Tammy Mahoney, Electra Alessio, Jamie Fitzpatrick, Superintendent Tom Ambrose, Director of Academics, Professional Learning and Student Affairs Patty Haynes, High School Principal Brian Stack, High School Assistant Principal/Curriculum Director Bob Dawson. Called to order by Mahoney at 4:45 pm. Minutes of the 2/12/20 meeting were reviewed and approved.

A revised presentation of the Portrait of a Graduate was reviewed which more clearly aligns it with, and references it against, the Student Success framework. There was some discussion regarding how some of the items would be assessed, and the next steps in the deployment process. Grade and age level criteria and rubrics will need to be developed to define the parameters expressed in the portrait. Some language changes were contemplated, but ultimately the committee's consensus was that the document is ready to be forwarded to the Board. Mr. Ambrose suggested teacher liaisons to the committee as part of the process of deployment.

Dr. Haynes is preparing a presentation to the Board about math instruction and requested feedback and suggestions from the committee regarding particular questions or concerns to be covered. Ms. Alessio would like to address the larger question of what's changed over time that has resulted in a societal decline in math performance. Mr. Fitzpatrick would like some discussion of how intervention would be deployed. Ms. Mahoney would like some discussion of Common Core and its impact on our instructional practices. Mr. Ambrose expressed that there are several important aspects to the discussion: alignment of curriculum/rigor, benchmarking, quality of instruction/professional development, and data driven decisions for instruction.

Meeting was adjourned by Mahoney at 5:45