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Mr. Matthew Sheehan, Superintendent

Inter-district Meeting Minutes

2/22/23

Start Time: 7:00 pm

End Time: 8:20 pm

Location: Sterling Board of Education Building

Attendees: Karen Macpherson, Mark Pease, Renee Egan, Matt Sheehan, Ryan Mahlman, Shawn Nicholas, Bill Hiltner, Taylor Klenk, Erik Stones, Mike Redfearn, Mike Barikian, Barbara Boyle, and Nick D'Amico

1. Introductions / Good News
2. Early Childhood PreSchool Expansion Grant
 - KM: shared Magnolia's plans and discussion for use of Sterling's BOE space
 - MS: conversation could result in moving up plans to install elevator at BOE and that space has been approved for education
 - RE: has experience writing EDC grant at previous district, could provide support
3. Feasibility Study
 - Derived from Strategic Plan '22 and Oct 26th Sending Superintendent's meeting
 - Focus will be gathering information and potential sharing service opportunities
 - Aligning Curriculum and Instruction , Interscholastic sports / activities, and Child Study
 - Bids due 2/22/23; BOE Approval 3/2/23; Grant Application Due 3/15/23
 - Grant application strengthened by sending schools approval of resolution
 - Magnolia, Sterling BOE approved, encouraged information gathering and starting small
 - Stratford Tabled due to concern of cost and idea of regionlization
 - Sterling willing to pay bulk of cost, Strategic Plan includes steps towards community partnership
 - Shared one binder of 08-09 study; will send PDF to each contact person
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4. Other
 - Brainstorm ideas for PD on above three areas
 - Create task teams
 - LinkIt Test Data
 - Presented Current 9th grade test scores in math and algebra and current 8th grade test scores
 - Shared recommendations for yearlong math, adding math teacher, and leveling in both 9th grade Math and English. Level decisions based upon data based decisions
 - Stratford and Laurel Springs suggested sharing leveling changes with 8th grade students/parents

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- Stratford mentioned cooperative purchasing of platform for cost saving and greater data gathering, asked about correlation between CP levels in Algebra and Calculus AP
- SPS spoke of the relationship with Sterling via shared service Curriculum & Testing

5. New Business

- Junior High Mock Trial
 - Sending Schools send team of students to be prepped by Sterling students in a competitive mock trial
- Alternative Education
 - Review numbers and consider alternative program at Sterling or 24/25 school year, rising cost of Out of District Placements. Chancelight in Washington Twp.
- County Incident Report
- 23/24 School Calendar
 - Consider sending school PD day; can we arrange visits during PLC

6. Next Meeting

Will consider an end of the year meeting to discuss potential inter-district work in the summer and feasibility update