

WDMCS School Community Network (SCN)

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2018

Community Room at West Des Moines Library

Reminder – this is the last meeting for this school year, be thinking of who will represent your building for next year.

1. Deep Equity Update – Michelle Lettington, Assoc. Superintendent Teaching & Learning Services
 - Goals have been set for common learning. Around 60 students have been participating and the conversations have been positive.
 - Identified 5 phases: 1. Tone & Trust, 2. Personal Culture & Journey, 3. From Social Dominance to Social Justice, 4. Classroom Engagement, 5. School Engagement
 - Video clips were shown and small group conversations were had regarding challenges and goals for achieving educational equity

2. Open Forum with Dr. Remy, WDMCS Superintendent
Facilities Master Plan Update
 - Benchmarks were determined, followed by Fit Analysis to discover needs for each building
 - Reviewed slides for each building and discussed the needs and potential renovations for each school
 - Lots of factors will play into the decisions moving forward, the school board will give feedback and guidance on the plan at their July 9 meeting
 - A public open house will be held at the LRC on May 24 for review and discussion of the plans

3. Juuling/Vaping – Mitch Kuhnert, Valley Southwoods Principal
 - An article shared on the VSW Facebook page was picked up by local news outlets and brought attention to this new version of e-cigarettes
 - Some Juul devices look like USB flash drives and have no odor, so they are easily concealed and not readily detected by staff in schools
 - Vaping is not an improvement over smoking and is not allowed at school and school sponsored events
 - Parents should be proactive and do searches for images, have conversations with students, never assume a student is above trying something new, and always be aware.

Please remember to determine who will be representing your school next year.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 11:15 at the LRC.