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STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE SESSION

August 23, 2016

The Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education met in Special Session on August 23, 2016, at the Gahanna Jefferson Board Office, 160 S. Hamilton Road. President Beryl Piccolantonio called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Matthew Campbell	Absent
	Mr. Joe Gottron	Present (Arrived @ 6:47 p.m.)
	Mrs. Daphne Moehring	Present
	Mr. Jason Phillips	Present
	Mrs. Beryl Piccolantonio	Present

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:	Steve Barrett Scott Schmidt Julio Valladares
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MEDIA PRESENT:	None
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GUESTS:	Brad Barboza - Principal, MSE Jill Elliott - Curriculum Coordinator Joan Miller - Teacher
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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Scope of Committee Work
 - Mr. Barrett discussed the structure and purpose of the Student Learning and Achievement Committee Meeting (SLA). He said the committee would articulate, explore, and celebrate the district's approach to curriculum, instruction and assessment. He also explained that these meetings would allow us to highlight best practices, district initiatives, and district data. Mr. Barrett passed out a list of topics that might be explored in future SLA Meetings (found below).

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- Conversation followed to discuss how we publicize what we are accomplishing in the schools in a more positive and proactive way. Ideas were focused around social media and providing videos and short clips to help the community see what we are doing.
 - Sharing writing samples
 - Lego Clubs
 - Summer Professional Development
 - Science Academy
 - Arts programs- new music class
 - Math Program
 - Capturing presentations at board meetings

- 2. District State Assessment Data – Jill Elliott, Coordinator of Assessment and Accountability
 - State data is not always the most descriptive or prescriptive data we have, but it is the most public data we have.

 - With the first year of implementation of the AIR test and the increased proficiency levels from the state we saw a dip in our reported performance. On average students were expected to perform at a benchmark 20-30% higher than the previous year.

 - Final results for Gahanna and all other districts are expected to be released in mid-September.

 - A conversation took place around the state report card and explaining each of the components including: Indicators Met, Performance Index, Achievement Composite Score, Gifted Data, K-3 Literacy Data, Prepared for Success, Graduation Rates, and Annual Measurable Objective.

 - The committee then moved to discussing the fact that while we value the state testing data and will certainly respond to the results of the data, it will be just as important to be able to articulate what type of learning environment we want to create at Gahanna-Jefferson and what we want our graduates to know and be able to do in ways that go beyond what state tests attempt to measure.

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- Mr. Barrett shared about a goal of creating a simple document that clearly explains what GJPS is all about and what we believe is best for kids (bringing together the What GJPS Expects document, the Graduate Profile and our district priorities). It was also suggested that we look at how the seven competencies from Wagner support the work we are doing.

Possible Topics for Student Learning and Achievement:

Curriculum

- Curriculum Maps
- Curriculum Development
- Curriculum Materials
- Horizontal and Vertical Articulation
- Professional Learning Communities
- Synthesizing Our Work- articulating beliefs
- Literacy
 - Phonemic Awareness
 - Phonics
 - Writing Workshop
 - Reading Workshop
 - Close Reading Strategies

Instruction

- Instructional Strategies
- Classroom Engagement
- Collaborative Learning
- Project Based Learning
- Professional Development

Assessment

- Writing on Demand
- Performance Based Assessment
- Electronic Portfolios of Assessment

Grants

- Federal Grants

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- Competitive Grants
- Mini-Grants

Special Education/504 Plans

- IEPs
- Transition
- Parent Mentor
- Response to Intervention

ELL

- Service Plans
- OELPA
- Cultural Competency

GATE

- WEPs
- New Operating Standards (Still in draft form)
- Possible Changes to Assessment
- Input Points (Identification/Service)

Technology

- Chromebooks
- Learning Management Systems
 - Google Classroom
- Other Tech
 - Smartboard Tech
 - Short Throw Projectors
- Document Cameras
- Parent Education to support initiatives

College and College Readiness

- ACT
- ACT Workkeys
- SAT
- Pre-ACT
- PSAT

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- Applying to college
- College Credit Plus

Laws

- ESSA
- 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee

Other Topics

- Video/YouTube- creating a GJPS Channel to celebrate what teachers are doing...
- Arts
- Music
- Clubs
- STEM Programming
 - Related Arts
- Science Academy
- Credit Recovery
- Apex Learning
- Leader in Me Initiatives
- World Languages

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting of the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

President

Treasurer