

Great Prairie Area Education Agency Advisory Committee
February 8, 2012
4 p.m.
Fairfield Arts & Convention Center
200 North Main
Fairfield, Iowa

MINUTES

Present:

Dr. Jon Sheldahl, Chief Administrator, Great Prairie AEA
Dona Goettsche, Director of Instructional Services, Great Prairie AEA
Jennifer Woodley, Communication Specialist, Great Prairie AEA

Bob Carr, Principal, Notre Dame (Non-Public)
Aprile Goodman, Parent
Susan Martin, Teacher, Davis County (Elementary)
Nicole Herdrich, Principal, Central Lee (Elementary)
Suzan Menke, Teacher, Fort Madison (Middle School)
Patricia Edenbrack, Teacher-Librarian, Oskaloosa (Media/Tech/Counselor)

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Review Purpose of AEA Advisory Committee

- Instructional Services Director Goettsche reviewed the purpose of the AEA Advisory Committee:
 - **Iowa Code 273.15 – AEA Advisory Groups**
A new section in the Iowa Code (273.15) was put into effect during the 2010 Legislative Session, whereby Area Education Agency boards are required to form AEA Advisory Groups with the purpose of making recommendations on policy, programs, and services. According to Code, this group “shall provide input, feedback, and recommendations to the Board regarding projected future needs, and shall provide a review and response to any state-directed study or task force report on area education agency efficiencies or reorganization.” The Great Prairie AEA Board of Directors is very supportive of this legislation, viewing this as a great opportunity to continue to grow as an organization by utilizing the committee’s expertise and vision.

Advisory members will include: Superintendents, Principals, Teachers, Non-Publics, Parents/Guardians, and Community Members from our service area. So we will all of you to our first of two Advisory meetings. The AEA advisory will join additional advisories the GPAEA has in place to give feedback in other specific areas. Examples include: a professional development advisory, cultural proficiency advisory, equity advisory, etc.

III. Last year’s Recommendations (handout)

- An update was provided concerning last year’s recommendations from the committee and Great Prairie AEA’s progress.

IV. Education in Iowa – Current State of the State (powerpoint and breakout activity)

- Chief Administrator Dr. Jon Sheldahl reviewed the Department of Education’s Blueprint

and NCLB Waiver.

V. Current State of GPAEA – Healthy School Indicators (powerpoint and breakout activity)

- Instructional Services Director Goettsche and Special Education Director Rubel reviewed the Healthy School Indicators and asked participants to discuss implications for their schools. Notes from discussion:
 - Administrators – Distributive Leadership, PBIS & RTI, Effective Communication Plan & messaging
 - Teachers – Step up and take leadership roles and effective ways to disseminate information
 - Instruction (Quality) Current Practices – Differentiated Instruction, IDM Model, 1:1 Schools
 - Professional Development – 1:1 Support, Implementation of Iowa Core, Para-Professional training

VI. Implications for Last Year’s Recommendations

- Discussion continued about goals and recommendations for the school year.

VII. Planning for April 11, 2012

- The next meeting is April 11, 2012 at 4 PM at the Fairfield Arts and Convention Center, 200 North Main, Fairfield, IA.

VIII. Adjourn