

04/19/2016 Meeting Minutes

Members present

Sara Struhs Sara Waltman Joel Medley Jill Curtis Marcia Simmons Chris Withrow

Mrs. Struhs called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.

Mrs. Curtis conducted a presentation of the benchmark data to date for the elementary grades. She noted the data could not be considered representative or cumulative from each period because two different tests were employed. DIBELS, which is a private test application, was utilized early in our process, specifically Interim 1 and Interim 2. The Bi-Interim 3 and the Interim 3 data were derived from the states SchoolNet system, which closely emulates the standard End of Grade [EOG] test. Due to the different standards measured, the scores from each test do not directly correlate and accurately distinguish the progress. As we continue utilizing SchoolNet, we will be able to generate a more concrete progress report. At this time, we believe we are tracking closely with the state averages.

Ms. Simmons presented the data for the middle and high school grades. NCVA is using SchoolNet for all benchmark tests in these grades. Ms. Simmons noted measurable progress, for the most part, is positive, further adding that we are using tougher questions as the year progresses. Using questions that are more challenging on the test will better prepare the students for the actual state exam.

There were concerns expressed regarding the very low eighth-grade reading scores for Interim 2, action plans and the threshold for action plans. Ms. Simmons explained the test was administered the week before winter break, and many of the students did not take the test. The school has taken action to encourage more participation in the future whereby we are connecting the benchmark score to the quarterly grade. Further, students whose grade was less than 80% were placed on an action plan, which required additional group and small group instruction.

Dr. Medley presented the next generation of the learning management system. The enhancements will greatly enhance the learning experience for our students. Some of the enhancements include Rich and engaging media, differentiated instruction, state standards, analytics, enhanced collaboration and mobile platform support.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM.