

DAC Meeting Minutes
1-23-2018

Minutes approved from 1-19-2018

Next meeting scheduled for 2-20-2018

Stephanie Korb and Scott Black came to speak to the committee about how the State testing is conducted so we can better understand the steps being taken to address the UIP (Unified Improvement Plan)

Their points were as follows.

It is not encouraged to have students opt out of testing.

There is alternative testing for students with IEPs, but the State has to approve the alternatives by December. Since the testing does not occur until April, this is not usually done.

Elementary testing runs 2 weeks and High School runs 1 week.

There is one week for makeup testing.

The tests are based on CMAS not Common Core which has been an issue for parents in the past.

What are some concerns the district has about situations that negatively influence the testing.

1. Parent opt out. Missing test scores negatively affect our district scores.
2. Students purposely failing or not trying. These tests scores can have a detrimental effect on our scores.

Ms Korb and Mr Black are the curriculum advisors for the district and they are re evaluating some curriculums.

There have been new reading programs that have been successful in helping bridge the gap for students that have trouble with reading.

There has been more collaboration between the elementary and the middle school on programs.

Plans moving forward. ONE of the biggest challenges is Mental Health. Providing students with positive learning environment the address learning and life skills. Ms Christianson will look at short skills coaching classes.