

Southern Lehigh School District

Strategic Plan Report

To: School Board Members

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Academic Proficiency:

- AP-1, AP-3, HQT-1 – Curriculum Council -multiple meetings with Business, FACS, and Health/PE – planning for presentations. Health 2/17 alt 2/25 FACS 2/25 alt 3/1 Business 3/1 alt 3/8 . HS Business Dept. is planning to visit Neshaminy HS
- AP-1 - There were 2 webinars conducted on the upcoming PSSA. This information was shared with the teachers and Principals. The 2011 PSSA dates were released they will be March 14th – April 15th.
- AP-2, HQT-2 - The LB Discipline Team attended a session at the IU on January 12th for their 3rd training as Liberty Bell moves toward a School Wide Positive Behavior System. This training focused on our classroom matrices as well as our revised discipline referral form.
- AP-3 - SAT Prep Course – new class starting Feb 2nd – preliminary data indicates that the scores on the SAT are much higher for most students that the scores they achieved on their pre-test
- AP-3, AP-8 - Teachers at the IS submitted second quarter reports to the principals yielding at-risk student mid-quarter progress.
- AP-3 – Rigorous Language Arts – IS – met on Dec 2 on creating criteria for Rigorous Language Arts entry from 5th to 6th grade. Another meeting with all MS Language Arts teachers and 9th grade was held to discuss entry into 7th, 8th, and 9th grade Honors at HS. Follow-up –MS LA teachers met 1/18 and created first draft of plan.
- AP-3 – PAGE Meeting – Was held on Dec 2 - 6:30 Discussion on regular education teachers addressing GIEP's, requests for more differentiated courses at MS
- AP-6 – All 3 Laser Engravers now completely installed. Follow-up to initial training on Act 80 Day – 1/22 for all 4 teachers. Electric drops have been installed in the IS room, Plan are underway to videotape some STEM projects for future viewing
- AP-6, IC-1 – 3rd grade class at LM participated in a videoconference as part of their “Flat Stanley” project. They met with a 2nd grade class in Virginia, sharing information from the project, with a focus on weather. Further conferences are planned with other schools and topics, as coordinated through the project.
- AP-6, HQT-1 - Seventeen teachers as well as 5 students are slated to present on technology topics at our February 4, 2010. 43 staff members have signed up as of 01/22/10 for this academy.
- AP-6 /AP- 8 -HS- Gold Seal Lessons are one of the building goals this year. We have started to compile a portfolio of lessons that staff have done relative to this goal. Staff are submitting them on a voluntary basis at this time. At each faculty meeting the Tech Coach shares a recent lesson

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that he has worked with a particular teacher developing. Others have been encouraged by these updates and reached out to him for help in developing a lesson for their class.

- AP- 8 - The first meeting of the elementary Math textbook adoption committee was conducted. Teachers selected 3 textbook series that they would like to have a presentation for during the month of January.
- AP-8 – IS- 4Sight #2 is completed, as is all scoring of common writing assessments. Mid year assessments are planned using DIBELS and Aimsweb for this month. Math materials review meetings were held in December. Pilot of two programs is planned for marking periods 3 and 4 this year. The music department has been heavily involved in planning and preparing for Song-Fest, to be hosted at Southern Lehigh this year.

Improved Communications:

- IC-1, IC-5, HQT-3, HQT-5 - The website Form Creator has been used to produce two surveys – one for SLIS Teachers and one for SLIS Students. This administration is currently in the process of collecting and reviewing input on our successes and needs to date. It is anticipated that at some point, parent feedback regarding the IS program may be sought.
- IC-1 HS has used ConnectEd to communicate with parents regarding SAT Prep course sign ups and also keep them apprised of the midterm exam schedules.
- IC-1 HS- A High School Student Advisory Committee has been formed with approximately 15 students serving on the committee. We will meet on a monthly basis over the course of the remainder of the school year.
- IC-1, IC-5 - MS Website used to inform parents of exam schedule; weather related provisions for exam schedule; Course Selection Parent Meeting; Haitian relief program; Course Selection process./timeline.
- IC-1, IC-4, AP-2, HQT-2, HQT-3 - The PTG and the staff at SLIS worked tirelessly and with unending generosity to ready gifts for families in need over the holiday break. The psychology/counseling office coordinated the efforts of all. Gifts were donated by staff and others to ensure that our students and those in other buildings with struggling families had gifts and needs met this season.
- IC-4 – Director of Secondary Ed. met with Jim Fallon on 12/16 from Gwynned Mercy on their business/dual enrollment program. He suggested that our business teachers should visit Neshaminy SD. They have an excellent business program. He is willing to help them with the writing/revision of their courses.
- IC-4 - Author Darryl Cobb will visit Liberty Bell on Friday, January 29th, to read his stories to the children, discuss the importance of literacy, answer questions, and participate in a luncheon with the staff and students.
- IC-4 Partnerships – IS will have some student teachers joining us during the back half of this year.

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- IC-4 -SLSD and IS hosted SOLEBO this month. Showcased the new school and program updates to our business community leaders.
- IC-4: LB- after school program Mad Science has begun a winter session. This is an after school program for science enrichment that ties standards to our curriculum.
- IC-4: One of our second grade teachers is running a play production with our 3rd Graders. The title of the play is Bullies Anonymous. Tryouts were conducted and teachers and other staff members have volunteered their time after school for rehearsals.
- IC-5, IC-8 – MS teachers have reported how invaluable the student email accounts are to teachers and students. Not only are these account filtered but they also come with a digital locker, which allow students to electronically transport assignments from school to home and back. One had applied for a mini grant for flash drives which was not funded. She indicated that this was an even better solution.
- IC-5, AP-3 - IEPs are now included in the data warehouse.
- IC-5, IC-6 - IS and MS are extending the use of our alert system to report attendance to parents.
- IC-5, IC-6 - MS used ConnectEd used to inform parents of weather impacting predicts on exam schedule and Haitian relief program and to remind parents of 8th grade course selection meeting at HS
- IC-5, IC-6 Connect Ed has been an effective tool for the IS this year. We've used the community outreach feature 3 times this year to inform parents of the following: 1) Test, 2) Conference Week Reminders, and 3) Start of Daily Confirmation of Student Absences messages.

Highly Qualified Teachers:

- HQT-1 - 3 Curriculum Council Presentations planned for Feb/March
- HQT-1 Teachers and instructional assistants in grades K and 1 are participating in Kid Writing training facilitated by Isabell Cardonick. There will be a second training in February.
- HQT-1/HQT-5 – Principals and CO administrators attended an iObservation presentation on a research based web-based observation tool for teachers and principals.
- HQT-4 -HS- Midterm assessments are currently being given and the data analysis of the results will be conducted and submitted by 1/29/10.
- HQT-4 - Mid-year assessments are wrapping up at the elementary level. This includes the grade level mid-year assessments as well as our Reading Specialist and her team completing their mid-year/2nd testing of the DIBELS to monitor our students' progression with their reading. The data was analyzed on January 22nd and results and action plans will be developed at grade level team meetings.
- HQT-4 - All teachers were reintroduced to Edinsight and had the opportunity to login, explore and change their passwords.