

YESS Program

LAC/Community Council

April 20, 2022

Attendees:

Jason Rosvall
Brenda Monson
Ann Jones
Cindy Willis
Stephanie Sinju
Darcie Peterson

Kyle Goudie
Trina Cotterman
Lee Marchant
Cara Stephens

Successes this School Year:

YESS has recognized many successes this school year. This is a testament to the staff and stakeholders as we all work closely together to serve the complex needs of our student population. A few successes were noted:

- Moving to the Roosevelt Campus has been a great asset to our program. Historically, we have moved many times in the past. Though this change was not officially required, it proved to be very beneficial for us to seize the opportunity. We now have more room for expansion, including our CTE program and additional transition units. Meeting spaces have also been a great advantage by enabling us to have gatherings, as well as sharing resources with the district and USBE.
- Accreditation was a challenge and YESS scored very well. Some of the highlights were mentoring and teacher capacity. Greater technology integration was a suggestion that came from the accreditation review team.
- We made significant progress in staff training and professional development. Trina has done a great job of getting our data onto a Google platform. It is making a big difference in teachers having information that allows for instructional analysis and environmental realities that impact learning.
- Star 360 testing that we have implemented this year has been very helpful to teachers. This assessment tool has helped drive teacher attention to focus better on the academic needs of our students. We are now in the process of completing our third set of tests. We are still learning how to use the data in ways that might help us better determine student curriculum
- Mentoring has grown considerably this year. We have served over 560 students to date. We have increased our number of mentors to 14 as our service needs continue to grow. YESS has been placing mentoring in facility and transition classrooms and is realizing great success with the increase to student support.
- Our pantry has been an amazing success. Through donations, we have been able to provide food to students in several of our locations including Decker Lake, Transition, DT, DSI, and mainstream students. Helping staff and families who are experiencing greater need due to inflation has also revealed to be very beneficial as well.

Challenges and Opportunities:

- We have been working to integrate technology more effectively into our classrooms. Site logistics and facility programming are challenges that we are determining how to better overcome.
- YESS will be losing many teachers over the next few years due to retirement. This reality will impact our institutional knowledge and succession planning. YESS is looking at better ways to recruit teachers that have a passion working with our students who have complex needs.
- Graduate programming and service delivery is continuing to be a new reality that we face. Decker brought in a welding program through DATC. We are seeing students stay at Decker much longer and subsequently need to explore how to best serve these students. Council members spoke about the unique circumstances at their locations and a healthy discussion ensued.

Data Review – Trina Cotterman:

The following data is being collected and provided to teachers and staff:

- ✓ Strong Fluid Facility Student List
- ✓ Master Sheet for Attendance & Grades (Grades are input weekly)
- ✓ Entry/Credit/GPA
- ✓ Exit/Credit/GPA
- ✓ Weekly Behavior Sheets
- ✓ Testing and Tutoring (Reading Assessment)
- ✓ Mentoring Services

Trina shared graphs and data that we are currently collecting and using to improve our services for our students.

YESS Happenings – Brenda Monson:

Council members looked at the website to see activities that have been happening. Brenda does an amazing job of keeping the blog up to date and showcasing some of the great things going on throughout sites.

Local Agency & Community Council Next Year:

Jason asked members to inform him if they were unable to attend as members next year. The group collectively decided to keep meetings to four per year. The current meeting time and day of the week continued to be agreed upon as the best approach. Jason will send out the dates by the end of the year so each can plan on attending. If council members have any subjects/content they would like addressed, please email Jason with any ideas.

**Meeting adjourned