District Accountability Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2015

I. Call to order
Janna Youmans called to order the regular meeting of the District Accountability Committee at 6:05 pm on Thursday, September 17 in the Dr. Ed Lord and Patricia Lord Board Room (Educational Services Center, Peoria Building).

II. Roll call
The following persons were present: Lisa Escárcega, Julie Rapone, Dan Wright, Janna Youmans,

Guest: Cheyenne Drevon – Student
Jesús Escárcega – Director, Grants and Federal Programs

Board of Education Liaison: Amber Drevon

Speaker(s): Jessica O'Muireadhaigh – Director, Mental Health and Counseling
Kim Kaspar – Coordinator

III. Welcome & Introductions
Janna Youmans welcomed and gave an introduction to DAC members and guests

IV. Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
Kim Kaspar and Jessica O'Muireadhaigh presented the group with a Prezi presentation explaining that AWARE stands for Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education. Kim explained that the AWARE grant originated from the Now is The Time (NITT) initiative through the Federal Government which took place after the Sandy Hook tragedy. The following points were also presented:

- We have a five year grant - $500,000.00 per year (Starting year two October 1, 2015)
- The goal is to promote social and emotional health through research based interventions
- Providing courses for staff to teach social-emotional skills
- Building a referral system between schools and community health care providers

Handout: Project AWARE Flyer

V. Questions
Q. Are you using the student climate survey
A. We will incorporate questions into the survey – First as a baseline with pre and post outcomes

Q. The Board of Education would like to see a matrix of what buildings are using which programs
A. Assist and Prepare is in every building – We will put a report together on where we are at now to present to the board

VI. Adjournment – Janna Youmans adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary