



SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46

INSTRUCTIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 2011

8:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

ESC, ROOM 240

AGENDA SUMMARY

Welcome Nan Ochs
Approval of September 15, 2011 Minutes Nan Ochs

I. Initial Presentations
None

II. Action Items
None

III. Information Items

A. Secondary Language Arts Update – Greg Walker and Lori Lopez presenting. Priorities – continue implementation of the *U-46 Literacy Model* (also referred to as the Practice Reading Cycle and the Literacy Lab Model). Continue implementation of quarterly writing assessments that reflect the Language Arts curriculum. Provide regular opportunities to analyze reading and writing data in order to drive instruction.

B. ELL Update - Patricia Makashima presenting. Starting this year, the 80:20 Dual Language Program model will serve Spanish-speaking English Language Learner students in grades PreK through second in thirty elementary school which currently have the ELL Program, including the two Early Learners Centers. Students need to have met ISBE's eligibility criteria to receive English Language Learners' (ELL) services in Spanish according to the Illinois Administrative School Code 228 in order to be entitled to receive services in the Dual Language Program.

In addition, this school year, Native-English speakers and English-dominant students will be participating in Two-Way Dual Language programs at seven of the thirty schools that currently have the ELL Program in Spanish in grades kindergarten and first.

C. RtI Update - Fran Stephens, Mary Henk, Anni Schneider presenting. Presenters reminded members of council that all students are Tier I. There is an Implementation Guide in every building, usually the Principal's office. Tier II interventions can be used for Tier III by increasing the intensity and frequency of the intervention. Every school has at least one intervention program. Our presenters reminded council members that if assistance is needed in their schools they should contact the RtI coaches.

IV. Dialogue Topic

A. Common Language for Instructional Council

B. Instructional Council Manual – Manual would not be updated at this time, Kathy Castle of the ETA indicated that this was a collaborative endeavor between ETA and district.

V. Other

Development of Format for Report Updates was added to agenda, Steering Committee will work on development of this item to clearly indicate what should be included in future updates to council.