ISOA Executive Board Meeting
March 6, 2024
Minutes

Present		**Absent**	
Dansville	Mike Kapp	Leslie	Dominic Ambroggio
East Lansing	Gary Holbrook	Stockbridge	Keven Numinen
Haslett	Amy Clark	Webberville	Amy Coe
Holt	Rob Halgren		
Ingham ISD	Jason Mellema		
Ingham ISD	John Wolenberg		
Lansing	Nino Rodriguez		
Mason	Michael Kelly		
Okemos	Jayme Taylor		
Waverly	Alicia Guevara Warren		
Williamston	Sarah Belanger		

Artificial Intelligence in the Classroom

Dr. Jim Kelly, Ingham ISD Director - Data, Systems and Analysis gave a presentation on Artificial Intelligence in Education.

A discussion on what AI is and is not and what education with artificial intelligence is vs what it does not include.
- The old digital divide – computer in schools, high speed internet, 1:1 devices.
- New digital divide – who is empowered to learn with and about artificial intelligence.

Only 7% of education systems provide guidance about the use of generative AI. Only 2% of state edtech leaders say their state has an AI initiative. Seventy-five percent of educators have never used artificial intelligence and eighty-seven percent have never received any PD about AI. Only 16% of parents feel that they understand AI.

AI in education
- Students with IEPs and /or 504 plans report the highest use of generative AI tools.
- However, use for academic purposes remains low at 23%.

Ingham ISD has provided opportunities for students and educators to learn with AI.
- Wilson Talent Center – Group of students researching how AI could change their career path.
- A virtual bootcamp where students learn new digital AI skills in 10 weeks.
- The REMC catalog has PD listed. The Ingham ISD PD website also has opportunities listed. Educators have access to both resources.

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Board Policy – Adjust policies to leave them open enough but have guidelines at the same time for staff and students. Neola and Thrun both have policies on AI. Suggestion that technology staff be involved in the critiquing of policy around AI. Use "may" instead of "shall" in policy.

- Create policy to address the immediate risks so that AI does not undermine learning during the coming year.
- Facilitate organizational learning by making a small but strategic investment in harnessing the individual learning of the many educators already excited about AI.
- Identify areas for improvements and effective transformations with potential to scale to support the education system.

Superintendents' Round Table Update

Dr. Gary Kinzer, Mason Public Schools Superintendent, provided an update from the superintendents February Round Table meeting:

- Free Preschool for All Presentation – The Governor's proposal to offer free preschool without limits on income etc.
- Legislative Advocacy Season – During March, the superintendents will spend time with legislators to promote educational issues.
- Grant Funding – Discussion on the overwhelming task of keeping up with the grant funding requirements.
- Safety Discussion – The group is working together as a service area. The Dansville safety tabletop exercise had many of the districts in attendance. The next safety tabletop is in Holt in May.
- Cell phone use in schools – Discussion on placing greater restrictions on cell phones during the school day. District policy ranges from students having cell phones all day, only while passing and then fully off and away.
- SE Education Funding – Continued discussion on the SE funding formula and the changes that will come to the county when the formula is revised.

District Updates

East Lansing   Board voted for a May bond proposal that will focus on security issues. The district is hosting Science Olympiad and will host the Multi-cultural Student Achievement Conference in the fall.

Williamston   Young Fives Kindergarten round up held. The MS and HS have been rated top schools for five years in a row. A student was recognized with an MHSAA scholarship as a Scholar Athlete. The District has a podcast with staff members highlighted - available on the website. PTSA book sale and a Night with Jazz are planned.

Okemos   7th grade camp was a success. The Montessori students have begun tapping trees within the district after a field trip to Fenner Nature Center. The district has emotional support dogs; two student coordinators have been trained to take care of the dogs. Three HS students did well in the MSUFCU art contest. The swim and basketball team did well this season with students going to states. Will hold a spaghetti fundraiser dinner in support of the arts. The district saw great growth in the NWEA assessment data.

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Lansing The district saw an increase in the graduation rate – up to 76%. The Board declared Juneteenth, held on June 19, will be a holiday for students. The board held a recognition event for teachers and students. Currently there are two vacancies for board members.

Haslett The high school play was a been a success. Analysis done of the NWEA data, and the scores are above the national norms.

Mason Robotics open house in February. Participation in robotics includes elementary – high school students. Recent district challenges have been an opportunity to look at policies and practices. The Board will be looking at safety and security issues and Title IV. The spring Neola policy updates contain issues on AI.

Ingham ISD Three students from the WTC programming class won the AP App Challenge and will be going to Washington DC to compete. March 20 is the Wilson Talent Center Wall of Fame Scholarship dinner. Past graduates will be inducted into the Wall of Fame.

Upcoming Meetings

- April – No meeting
- May 1, 2024 - Ingham ISD Budget Update