

BLT MEETING
August 13, 2012

Dodge City Middle School BLT met at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 2012 in the DCMS library conference room. Those in attendance were Mike King, Faye Wells, Pam Algrim, Deb Keitel, Christen Engelking, Amy Herter, Debra Hiers, Joshua Lesser, Lisa Pelton, Pam Ramos, Sarah Schaeffer, Traci Small, Eugenia Stanley and Rebecca Stateler.

- Responsibility of BLT
 - Provides leadership for accomplishing school target goals.
 - Insures that the building engages in a variety of evaluation tasks – those that help determine the goals, those that help inform progress and change and those that benchmark success.
 - Each team needs to be represented.

- NASSP National Breaking Ranks Showcase School
 - San Diego presentation on December 1, 2012.
 - Three person team to attend.
 - Members present agreed that presenters should be chosen by an application process. Amy Herter and Geni Stanley will create open-ended questions for an application.
 - Presentation should be about the value of the change and how it has affected the community.

- Student Centered Learning Instructional Goals
 - Provide students with reinforcing statements that are related to individual knowledge contributions and learning goal attainment.
 - Enhance student understanding of content by engaging them in lessons that allow them to mentally process information by identifying similarities and differences between interrelated concepts.
 - Provide every student with a direction for learning that is relative to a particular learning goal.
 - Engage students in the mental process of using knowledge by generating and testing hypotheses.
 - Enhance the students' ability to synthesize information in ways that capture the main idea and supporting details of each instruction objective.
 - Provide in every lesson ways that students can use and organize what they are taught.
 - Enhance the students' ability to represent and elaborate on knowledge using mental images
 - Provide students with opportunities to interact with each other in ways that enhance their learning.
 - Goals will be measured by walkthroughs.
 - % is based on time spent.

- Academic Performance Index
 - Measured on state standards.
 - Teach the Common Core.
 - Make up series of questions that will measure the benchmark.
 - Three Benchmark Assessments will be given.
 - The formative assessments dates tentatively scheduled for the 201 –2013 are as follows:
 - ✓ October 9th and 10th
 - ✓ December 4th and 5th
 - ✓ January 29th and 30th

- IPAD Selection Process
 - DCMS has received two IPAD carts.
 - It was determined that it would be best served if the IPAD carts are used in the Creative Writing and Problem Solving classes. This would allow all students to have hands-on with an IPAD.

- Student-Led Conferences
 - Decision to proceed with the Student-Led conferences is based on spring “Advisory Committee” recommendation.
 - A student-led conference in one in which the student leads the parent through a discussion of his/her work that is organized in a portfolio.
 - Mrs. Jacobs will keep teachers informed of the procedures for the student-led conferences.

- Daily Announcements
 - Student Council will broadcast the announcements.
 - Discovery Education will be a part of this process.

- School Uniform Update
 - The only change in the DCMS uniform is the addition of blue jeans.
 - Students will be allowed to wear the same uniforms from last year.
 - New shirt color will be selected by December.
 - Start two shirt colors in the 2013-14 school year.

- Technology Update
 - Use of Google Docs, Forms
 - Student Gmail Accounts
 - Social Networking
 - Facebook
 - Twitter for Teacher PLN’s
 - Team Computer Carts

There were no additional items for discussion and the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled BLT meeting is September 11, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Keitel