

MINUTES for **INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL** Meeting  
3:45 – 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, February 9, 2011  
Germantown School District – Board Room

***“REACHING FOR EXCELLENCE TOGETHER”***

Connecting



Learning

- ❖ Fitness Gram Software update and approval (Jane Mandli and Lisa Stigler)
  - IIC approved unanimously the adoption and purchase of the Fitnessgram Software.
- ❖ District Writing Assessment (Lori Pfeiffer, Eilene Stevens/Patti Sibbersen)
  - Concerns/Suggestions
    - Administer test on a computer because students are not using the vocabulary they would use in conversation because they are fearful of not being able to spell words correctly
    - Include other subject area teachers other than just ELA teachers
    - Teachers score own papers
    - Teachers use writing assessment for grade
    - Teachers score previous year’s assessment to familiarize selves with upcoming students’ abilities
    - Expensive to score, rather have reading resources and updated curriculum
    - Kids score own writing
    - Do not do writing assessment K-10, choose grade levels to administer it.
    - Pay for a Saturday session so teachers do not have to be out of the classrooms
      - School board doesn’t want teachers out of their classrooms
    - Substitutes do the scoring because they are college educated and many of them apply for teaching positions
      - Gtown loses the professional development and collaboration process of scoring the writing
  
- ❖ School Improvement Plan updates/progress (principals)

- Mark Kaminiski updated the members on the progress made toward the KMS school improvement goals.
- ❖ Graduation Summit Overview (Jim Blackburn)
  - Jim Blackburn was absent.

### Managing

- ❖ Meeting Dates and Times (See attachment: Time Table/Topics)
- ❖ Universal Screener Update
  - District Training February 22, 2011 onsite. 40 participants in a train the trainer model.
  - First testing season: April 4-21, 2011 grades 3-9 in reading.

### Closing

- ❖ Next meeting date/time: February 21, 2011 3:45-5
  - Agenda items:
    - GHS and Elementary School Improvement Plan updates/progress
    - Textbook adoptions in past years document
    - Curriculum cycle