**Academic Excellence Committee Report (1-12-21)**

Called to order @ 3:32

In attendance: Andy Lyman, Gwen Anderson, Nate Schwieters, Suzy McIntyre, Ruth Thom

1. NWEA/MCA (remote testing)
2. How can we inspire students to do their best and show what they know?
3. Kindergarten doing their own testing
4. Discussing the importance of how it reflects upon STRIDE
5. Goes in permanent records and provides possibilities/opportunities in H.S.
6. Nate setting up contact from Tech H.S. to speak with our students about the importance of these tests. Good to hear it from someone else.
7. ACCESS Testing
8. Currently 249 students
9. Logistics being worked for in-person testing
10. MDE suggesting a start date after Feb 8th due to petition to wave the test this year
11. BTS
12. Discussion of gradual integration per grade level
13. Families given the choice to keep students in DL format and how that could look
14. NO hybrid plan, teachers will not be required to teach both in person and hybrid
15. Depending on numbers, potential teacher designated from each grade level to be the DL only teacher, others in person (how would that work for 7th/8th)
16. Survey to families and staff (date TBD)
17. How would it be handled for staff that would not feel safe to come back in person?
18. Side note: Staff suggestions/needs for future PD topics. What’s wanted/needed?
19. Student engagement ideas
20. Ruth and Steph are currently working in some programming to help spark more interest and participation from students (currently 3rd grade is the trial group). Overall on hold due to DL.
21. Have developed some units/materials for teachers to use
22. Collaboration with Hannah Fussey for social opportunities
23. MPR podcast challenge (5th-8th grades). About 20 students involved currently. Will be posted to school FB site.

Meeting adjourned @ 4:23

Next meeting date: February 16th @ 3:30