Academic Excellence Report - 3/23/2021

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

Start: 4:01

1. **What is the pulse of students and staff now that we're all back? Invigorated? Tired? Hit the ground running? Stressed? New survey needed?** PLC time and report back perhaps? Ideas of what can be done for help?
   1. **Open ended survey.** What are the bright spots in school right now? What are the barriers that you keep hitting? How can we remove those barriers? If money and time were unlimited, what would make your life easier?
   2. **Next steps:** not-time sensitive: Come back to AEC in April. Time-sensitive: Gwen and Nate address, potentially bring back to AEC.
2. **Newly set goal "Continuing student support to increase attendance/engagement in class (both in person and DL) with SEL/academics as well as building trust with families to elicit feedback from parents to increase engagement”**
   1. Upcoming family nights/opportunities (Q&A) now that we're all back?
      1. Phone calls home to check in, Zooms, surveys, offering eSpark and a device for skill focus, focusing on language goals.  What can we do to support families (and ask them what they need?)
      2. **Next steps:** 3/31 PLC explanation from Gwen, master spreadsheet of all STRIDE students and which teachers work with each student. Positives to say to families, encouragement and offering resources/help
   2. How many teachers have utilized Stef and Jess in re-entry planning? Have met with K-2, then 3-5, wait for 6-8 for a week
   3. How is DL/in-person going? Difficult to keep remembering Zoom students, let in.
3. **NWEA/MCA testing**
   1. modes for motivating students to do their best? What can we do to get the most out of what they HAVE learned so far this year? [Pinterest](https://www.pinterest.com/momofdancer/testing-motivation/), [TpT blog](https://blog.teacherspayteachers.com/effective-ways-motivate-students-standardized-tests/), [Testing Motivators](https://theowlteacher.com/using-test-taking-motivators/), [Motivational Ideas for Test Day](https://bookunitsteacher.com/wp/?p=6155), Student goal setting in relation to their future goals. Pep fest ideas, K-1 students making posters for older students. **Next step:** Jess present non-academic considerations for testing 3/31
   2. Focusing on standards in PLC times. What do teachers need to help them plan and implement core and interventions for students? How are practice tests being used? **Next steps:** Gwen to visit PLCs
4. Update from Ruth on student engagement programs. Ruth sending notes
5. Site goal/WBWF/RWBTG/Qcomp 21-22: Tier 1 (Core, EL, SEL)
   1. SEL Goal for adults and students
6. Tutoring: identifying triage students and start tutoring plan
7. Summer school: theme, how it will be structured
8. Rethinking parent engagement ([good read](https://www.edweek.org/leaders/2021/driving-academic-improvement-by-empowering-parents?utm_source=nl&utm_medium=eml&utm_campaign=eu&M=59879623&U=&UUID=8446081dc7ae15b28f25a651b1644cbb)!)

End: 5:05

Next Meeting: April 20th, 4:00