Meeting Minutes #3: Curriculum/ Special Education/ Technology Committee:
NJSLA in advance Presentation
November 7th 2022- virtual – 6:00 -7:15

Attendance:
Crystal Hopkins
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Ms. Finnerty
Dr. Harrison-Crawford

- Welcome from Dr. Morgan
  - We will be using this opportunity to present to you in advance of the community presentation NJSLA Spring 2022 Analysis

- NJSLA Spring 2022 Analysis
  - National decline in ELA and Math achievement
  - Staff challenges
  - Movement of students in and out the district
  - The district prioritized health and safety within school

- 2018 NJDOE Required
  - Students in grades 9-11 complete ELA and math end of course tests for Algebra 1, 2 or Geometry

- 2019 NJDOE Required
  - No testing for Juniors in Spring of 2019
  - We only tested ELA 10 and Algebra 1 due to the stairwell damage thus affecting classroom and instructional time.

- 2020-2021
  - NJDOE canceled statewide assessments due to COVID

- 2022 NJDOE Required
  - NJSLA for grade 9 students complete ELA and Gr 9 & 10 complete math end of course tests for Algebra 1, Algebra 2 or Geometry and Science for grade 11.
  - NJDOE required field test: NJGPA for Grade 11 ELA and Math.

- ELA
  - Grades 3rd - 10, States top tiers are Meeting or Exceeding Expectations from 2017-2022 the upper grades experience inconsistencies due to the varying circumstances we experienced during those years at the High School years.
    - We have avg 65% of students meeting or exceeding expectations throughout the district.
    - 6th, 7th & 8th had the most concerning declines
      - We will do some investigating of the reasons behind the declines
Comparison of Montclair Public Schools to NJ State Average: Spring 2022 NJSLA English Language Arts: % Meeting/Exceeding Expectations
  ○ Our Achievement compared to the state avg is average but Montclair should be well above state avg

Performance of Economically disadvantaged students: Montclair Public Schools % Meeting/Exceeding Expectations in NJSLA ELA
  ○ We have a significant gap in economically disadvantaged students vs economically advantaged during the pandemic we saw significant declines for students particularly in Middle School and High School

Performance of students with Active IEPs or 504s: Montclair Public Schools % Meeting/Exceeding Expectations in NJELS ELA
  ○ Unfortunately we noticed that this economic disparity continued with students of IEPs or 504s.

Performance of Race/Ethnicity subgroups: Montclair Public Schools % Meeting/Exceeding Expectations in NJSLA ELA
  ○ It's hard to say why the numbers turnout the way they have, during the pandemic and after. With both declines and jumps throughout the years amongst all of the groups

NJSLA Math Multi Year Trend: Montclair Public Schools
  ○ Slight increases in the elementary groups whereas in middle school we see declines.
  ○ We did notice that we need to increase the rigor of math offering for Middle School students,
  ○ 3rd & 4th Grade experienced a growth after implementation of the Go Math curriculum.

Comparison of Montclair Public Schools to NJ State Average Spring 2022 NJSLA Math % Meeting/Exceeding Expectations
  ○ We outperform the state avg except for when we get to Algebra.
  ○ Algebra will move to students beginning in 8th grade.
  ○ We recognize that more intervention and more professional development is needed in the are of supporting Algebra.

Performance Economically disadvantaged students: Montclair Public Schools % Meeting/Exceeding Expectations in NJSLA Mathematics
  ○ We continue to see in the Math numbers the disparities between Economically advantaged and Economically disadvantaged. The Pandemic exaggerated the unfortunate fact that not all students had the same resources.
• NJSLA Science
  ○ Grade 5 assessments covers 3rd-5th grade Science Standards
  ○ Grade 8 assessments covers 6th - 8th grade science standards
  ○ Grade 11 assessments covers 9th - 11th grade science standards

• Administration Changes
  ○ 2018 Science was a field test- therefore no results
  ○ 2019 Science Operational test cut scores adopted
  ○ 2020-2021 No testing for the state
  ○ 2022 Science - First Year Accountability

• Comparison of Montclair Public Schools' Spring 2022 NJSLA Administrations Science- Percentages
  ○ Montclair out performed the state in science Gr 8. But what we have consistently noticed is that there are dips from Elementary and Middle School.

• Feedback -
  ■ The slides use to show economic disparities are so similar in color that it is difficult to clearly see the comparisons or disparities shared.
  ■ Explanation on implementation of improvements
  ■ Explanation of PLC’s
  ■ Highlighting the fact that students moved in and out of the district and how those numbers are affected.
  ■ Being sure that we are staying away from giving the impression that we are teaching to the test.