

**RSU #2 BOARD WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009
HALL-DALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Present: Chair O’Neil LaPlante, Directors Gary Getchell, Rich Howard, Jon Lambert, Bill Matthews, Cory Munsey and Tracy Woodman

Also Present: Christine Chamberlain, Martha Witham, Deb Fisk, Debbie Soule, Steve Lavoie, Tom Leonard, Deb Marshall, Steve Philbrook, Scott Bell, Deborah Emery and Donald Siviski
Presenters Lydia Leimbach and Students Megan Daigle, Luke Armentrout, Johanna Baker and Kevin Zembroski

Lydia Leimbach and four students conducted a laptop training session for RSU #2 Board members Wednesday evening. Directors were introduced to the universe of resources that exists on the computers. Interactive “term papers”, “imovies”, “google earth” and virtual libraries were all explored. The 30 minute tutoring session was well received and could have been extended much longer.

Superintendent Siviski then introduced the group of Administrators and Board members to the reasons why assessment data is so important in the school improvement process. In an effort to reach higher levels of student proficiency assessment results must be used to inform instruction and revise curriculum. Chris Chamberlain, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment conducted a training session on interpreting scores and identifying trends so that curriculum voids could be determined. Examples of “fictitious” individual student results from NWEA scores were then analyzed with a focus upon how personalized interventions can eliminate learning deficits in student backgrounds.

The group as a whole then discussed next steps which are currently being developed within our K-12 curriculum teams, building and district goal writing, and future assessment and instructional training opportunities.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald L. Siviski
Superintendent of Schools

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