

Bullhead City School District #15

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GRADING SYSTEM REVISION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES ~ 12 September 2023 4:15 pm ~ Google Meets & In Person

- I. Welcome
 - A. Call to Order & Sign In
 - B. Notice of Recording Recorded on Google Meets
 - C. Purpose: To engage committee members in discussion of and ultimately a recommendation to the Governing Board for revision of the current grading system to revise the current letter grade system (A F) to reflect students' level of proficiency for the state standards (Minimally Proficient, Partially Proficient, Proficient, Highly Proficient) for implementation in July/August 2024. *Committee reviewed*.
 - D. Committee Role: Committee Reviewed
 - 1. Present employees' fresh perspectives, knowledge and key information to the Superintendent and other committee members regarding possible changes
 - 2. Represent teachers' and administrators' ideas and concerns
 - 3. Share information to peers regarding discussions and possible revisions
 - 4. Listen to and respect disparate opinions within the committee
 - 5. Offer recommendations collectively (consensus) when asked
- II. Items for Information and Discussion
 - A. Current Policies and Regulations Committee reviewed
 - 1. IKA & IKA-R Grading/Assessment Systems
 - 2. IKAA & IKAA-R Tests and Examinations
 - 3. IKAB Report Cards/Progress Reports
 - B. Purpose: Reasons for Revisions Committee discussed
 - a. Discrepancies between letter grading and students' proficiency on state standards

- b. Effects of this problem on honor roll, parents' perceptions of their students' success in school, students' attitudes about both Galileo and state testing
- c. Ability to have Synergy report the way we want
- C. Next meeting: Begin drafting a proposal—Review sample reporting systems from other districts ~ each member will look for examples & share before the meeting.

III. Resources:

- A. BCSD Board Policies https://policy.azsba.org/asba/browse/allmanuals/bullhead/root
- B. Other online resources for discussion
 - Exploring the Pros and Cons of Standards-Based Grading Systems
 https://strobeleducation.com/blog/exploring-the-pros-and-cons-of-standards-based-grading-systems#:~:text=Pros%20of%20Standard%2DBased%20Grading,what%20they%2Oneed%20improvement%20upon
 - 2. Standards-Based Grading Scales, Calculations, and Conversions https://otus.com/guides/sbg-grading-scales-calculations-and-conversions/#:~:text=First%2C%20add%20the%20number%20of,3%20or%201-5%20scales.
 - Districts Make Progress and Encounter Resistance as They Upgrade Grading Models https://www.edutopia.org/article/districts-make-progress-and-encounter-resistance-they-update-grading-models/
 - 4. An Example from an Arizona School District https://www.laveenschools.org/departments/academic-services/standards-based-grading/

NEXT MEETING: 18 September 2023 In Person

Committee Members:

Virtual Angella Hall Angie Richardson Virtual **Brent Schnabel** Absent Christopher Roy Virtual Donna Heronen Present Frances Martin Present Jennifer Lott Present Kelly Harrison Virtual Carolyn Stewart Present