

EVANSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OPEN ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

An Open Enrollment Committee meeting was held Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 3:00 pm in the District Office Board Room.

**Committee Members Present:** Kathi Swanson, Ellyn Paul and Melissa Hammann were present.

Ms. Hammann agreed to take minutes.

**New Business:**

Open Enrollment out to other virtual programs was the focus of this meeting. The reason for this choice is that Open Enrollment out to other virtual programs has grown from 22% of the net Open Enrollment out in 2015-16 to a projected 64% next fall. The gross preponderance of those going out to other virtual programs are going out to Bridges Virtual Academy out of Merrill. Preliminary inquiries to JEDI consortium members were discussed. Follow up questions and responsibility were assigned. Most of the preliminary inquiries were designed to help get a handle on the demographics of the Open Enrollment out to other virtual programs.

**Assignments:**

Ms. Hammann is to call Jefferson and Lake Mills to flesh out some of their answers.

Ms. Paul is to call Bridges.

Ms. Swanson is to call DPI.

Ms. Hammann is to email Mr. Zblewski and Ms. Benkert to answer some specific questions.

The report card status of JEDI was discussed as compared to Bridges Virtual Academy. Bridges has an official, complete report card whereas JEDI only has an alternate rating reserved for programs without sufficient enrollment to keep reporting confidential. Of those criteria that JEDI meets, they do not compare favorably with Bridges. Two years ago, Bridges Virtual Academy attained 100/100 points in the closing gaps area of their report cards and this year it was 93.9/100. Their math scores were a bit dodgy a few years ago and they created and fulfilled a plan to correct. Their overall score last year was 76.5, exceeds expectations.

Discussion regarding PR for the district. Our electronic community presence has increased, but do we need to start doing print media such as the Gazette and the Review?

If the email to Ms. Benkert is too complicated to discuss in an email, invite her to the July 16 meeting.

Overall, we have a need to understand what the data are telling us before we can create a cogent plan.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 16, 2019 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

**Adjourn:** Ms. Paul moved and Ms. Swanson seconded to adjourn. Motion carried, 3-0 (voice vote). Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melissa Hammann, Chair