

EVANSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPEN ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

An Open Enrollment Committee meeting was held Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 3:00 pm in the District Office Board Room.

Present: Melissa Hammann, Ellyn Paul, Kathi Swanson, Jason Knott

Ms. Paul agreed to take minutes.

Motion by Ms. Swanson, second by Ms. Paul, to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2019 meeting with a correction to paragraph six. Motion carried, 3-0 (voice).

Ms. Swanson reported that she has had no response from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) regarding report cards on virtual schools. Discussion of the alternative report card that JEDI receives from DPI, whereas Bridges Virtual Academy (BVA) receives the DPI's standard report card. Based upon those report cards, JEDI does not compare favorably with BVA.

Mr. Knott presented information on the District's AP scores and offerings, with longitudinal data for the last five years. With the exception of 2018, the percentage of District students earning a score of 3 or higher on AP exams has exceeded 70%. A score of 3 or higher allows the student to receive college credit. While the success rate in 2018 was 66%, that year marked the greatest number of exams taken in a year, with 61 students taking 115 exams.

In looking at comparable districts, Mr. Knott noted that Evansville offers twelve AP classes, while Jefferson offers sixteen. College Board, the parent organization for the AP exams, offers local mentoring seminars to help teachers improve the way they teach AP classes. Further discussion turned to equity in terms of courses offered versus courses in which a student can excel, as well as the value and/or need for formal review sessions prior to the exams.

Mr. Knott also shared the information that JEDI is now under new leadership.

Next Meeting Date: September marks the change to two meetings per month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 3, 2019, with the second on September 17. Meeting time is 3:00 – 5:00 pm.

Adjourn: Motion by Ms. Paul, second by Ms. Swanson, to adjourn. Motion carried, 3-0 (voice vote). Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Approved: _____ Date: 9/3/2019
Melissa Hammann, Chair