Rising Star meeting minutes from 10-2-13

-Meeting Minutes for all meeting are on the Gale webpage. Click on the word Teacher Resources. The password is Cougar$.
-Meeting Minutes and agenda template is ready. Mr. Bradburn sent it out. Copies are in the Gale Communication Binder by the printer and enrollment cards in the office. Emergency binder is in the same place.
-Need to find a way to include special teachers in discussions. RtI days will not work.
-Data wall is up and running. It will be used to chart and graph growth.
-Attendance is being charted and graphed.
-Everyone has an account set up to get into IIRC.
-PARCC will be piloted at Gale for 2 classrooms in math. (Other schools in the district are piloting different things.)
-2nd grade will begin testing next year as of today.

Indicators:
IIDO8- Instructional Teams use student learning data to assess strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum and instructional strategies.
Evidence of Development:
-District hosted meetings in May 2013 for grade level teams to meet and discuss common core.
-District will pay classroom teachers to meet four times this year to align curriculum to common core.
-Grade levels meet during the day 6 times a year to discuss student learning for 45 minutes.
-District scheduled 4 early out dismissals for grade levels to meet and share curriculum and instructional strategies.
-District scheduled 8 RtI early dismissal days to allow teams to meet and discuss data and instructional strategies.
-Some RtI days exist for 1/2 team meetings to problem solve about Tier III students.
-Data wall is maintained and analyzed.
-Grade levels determined benchmarks for the data wall.
Positive Action Steps:
-Create quarterly common assessments by grade levels
-Consider grade level growth charts
-Continue to look for time and funds to provide professional development
-Adopt textbooks that align with common core
-Create a common leveling system throughout the building/district
-Look for ways to stretch grade level share days from 45 minutes to 1 hour as another school is doing

IIIC12- All teachers engage all students
Level of Development:
-Mr. Bradburn is collecting engagement data during formal and informal observations
(Gale teachers were complimented for doing a great job of engaging students by Mr. Bradburn.)
-Mr. Bradburn has been trained to do IPI walk-throughs
-Teachers are providing lots of opportunities for students to work in pairs and groups to collaborate on learning activities
Positive Action Steps:
-Mr. Bradburn will continue to do IPI(Instructional Practices Inventory) walk-throughs and share data with staff by Dec. 20th

Next Steps:
What should go in our plan?
IID08
IIA01
IE06
IE07
IIIA07

-Discussed the importance of meeting with grade levels and across grade levels to align Common Core Curriculum and share resources.
-How creative can we be with share days? Could six subs be used for 1/2 day to allow K-1, 2-3, and 4-5 to meet and then 1-2 and 3-4?

-Discussed the importance of creating a plan one year ahead of time.

Overall Goal:  Raise Student Achievement
Goal #1: Curriculum Alignment
Essential Questions:
-What do we want kids to learn? (The common core standards)
-How are we going to do it?
-How will we know students have learned what we are teaching? (Assessment/Data)
Goal #2: ?
-Does Gale want Professional Learning Communities?

Tasks:
-Mr. Bradburn will do IPI walk-throughs
-A vision for Gale will be created
-School Improvement Team members will talk to staff about flexible schedules that allow for early arrival and early dismissal (8:10 start time on Wednesdays?)

Next Meetings:
November 13th 8:30-11:30
December 10th 8:30-11:30