District 97’s PERA Joint Committee met on Monday, January 25, 2016. The following items were discussed:

- Finalized a survey to inventory current assessments & follow up conversation around student growth and it's alignment to district mission that will be shared with staff at Department/ Grade Level Meetings on Wednesday, January 29, 2016.
- Evaluated staff feedback about PERA Belief Statement- Almost 25% of teachers filled out the survey and 95% of those voiced support of it. Stakeholders are encouraged to share their thoughts through the PERA district email address (pera@op97.org). The Joint Committee belief statement is: The Joint Committee believes all children and staff can and will learn and grow together. The Joint Committee agreement will support the current district priorities and help the Staff to foster a growth mindset to collectively develop high expertise teaching and reflective practices that address the varying needs of students identified through analysis of student growth data.

- The following topics will be addressed at the next Joint Committee Meeting:
  - An analysis of results of assessment inventory.
  - Examination of different student growth models that can be applied to different categories of teachers.

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