

Site Council

Meeting Notes

May 20, 2010

Attendees: Rick Fraisse, Rachel Pellisier, Kathy Arnold, Sandi VanVleet (for Michele Allbright), Julie Wright, Jen Rieks, Tracy Petersen, Sue Wise, Letitia Peterson, Kim DeMarchi, Visitor: Bret Bunke (teacher from TuHS)

- Next Meeting Date: June 10
- Equity work – Everyone is talking about doing it instead of talking about it. It looks like the answer to start with Homework. Becky, Deb, ???
- Care Team: Shiryla and Cami
- Site Council Membership:
 - Trying to get on District cycle of January.
 - Preferable for people to stay until January.
 - Need to get classified person and specialist to attend.
 - Parents agreed to stay on Site Council until January.
 - Teachers to decide if they are willing to stay until January.
- State Testing:
 - Statewide ELL students are doing better with their English. The problem is that when they get good they are exited out and no longer get the extra help.
 - Third grade – Any child that hadn't passed take it a third time or close to exceeding. Also, students are encouraged for the advanced math class at Hazelbrook to take it again to get a certain score required to make it.
 - Scores at 25% are meeting the grade bench mark. Math in third grade is 205 (99% is 234), fifth is 218, sixth is 219.
 - Dashboard – Way to look at data easily, quickly, and deeply in a quick way.
 - Looking at testing earlier. In order to do that, parents would need to be educated on why we are doing it.
 - Teach children how to be successful on a particular test.
 - Math state test uses quite a bit of language in the test that the children may not know. Need to go through the test and figure out language used in math test so that the children understand. This has already been done and Rick has ordered the information.
 - We need to know how the children are being assessed.
 - Measurement tools are needed for each grade levels.
 - Every classroom should have their own set of calculators that are “good” ones. Lessons should be given on how to use the calculators. When using calculators, encourage them to double check their answers.
 - If we can give the students the correct tools, we should see more students “exceeding”.
 - Third grade – Relatively struggling most of the grade levels. Most of the ELL and new students are struggling. Demographics are changing. Need to assess early. Need to do a good job of formulative(?) assessment.
 - Study Island – Computer program that is the same test as the Oaks test. Similar tests with similar results. Mimics the state tests. We can do a test sooner and not burn a state test. About \$8.00 per child.
 - BrainPop is being used for studying and taking quizzes.
 - V-Math – Rick has requested that it be purchased for each school.
 - Lexial level for reading.

- Need to become an accelerated reader school.
- Third grade needs some early intervention next year entering fourth grade.
- Possibly look at adding math words to vocabulary.
- Fourth and Fifth grades can look at the test scores from the end of the prior year to see where students are. Some teachers review the scores with the parents and review the strands.
- Third would need to be tested early to get the same information on where students are.
- Hands on math nights.
- Next meeting we will cover the process for Site Council Membership and the Site Council focus for next year.
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