

## **School Community Council Meeting**

**February 20, 2014**

### **MINUTES**

Members Present: April Leder, Janelle Wride, Britt Rohde, Austin Cowley, Rachelle Funk, Krista Isaacson, Kim Kosorok, Matt Smith, Ilene Strong, Dee Lawler

Not Present: Kristy Knowlton, Natalie Hill

Called to order at 3:52

1. Rachelle moved to approve the minutes from last month. April seconded the motion.
2. We had a discussion about the school improvement plan. There is a plan in place to have a parent meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> to give information about the State Testing. Some members discussed the need to inform and educate parents so they will be more interested. It was proposed that perhaps Ilene could include in her weekly emails some information about the change in rigor and the change in testing, and how those changes will affect the students.

Janelle moved to adopt the following School Improvement Plan, Rachelle seconded the motion. This is the plan:

#### Writing

We will collect writing data three times each year (beginning, middle, and end of the school year) using the same prompt and the same genre. We will keep these writing samples during the students' elementary school career in a portfolio.

#### Math

We want at least 80% (or more) of students to pass Go Math testing three times each year (beginning, middle, and end of the school year).

#### Reading

Using the DRA system, we want 80% of students to pass benchmarks for their grade.

Austin moved to amend these plans and Krista seconded the motion. Following are our amendments:

#### Writing (revised)

Instead of using the same prompt and the same genre, we want to use different prompts and the same genre. These genres will be determined by each grade level to suit their curriculum. Doing these writing assessments three times a year will remain the same as in our original goal.

#### Math (revised)

We want to amend the math plan by having each grade create their own tests (not GoMath's tests), and they will set their own goals for the School Improvement Plan. Ilene will inform grade levels about the need for these grade level goals so we can include those in our final plan.

#### Reading (revised)

Instead of 80% of the students passing benchmark, we want each grade level to establish both the percentage that should pass and the level that will represent benchmark. Ilene will inform each grade level about the need for these grade level goals so we can include those in our final plan.

We took a vote on this plan and it passed unanimously.

3. Ilene informed us about some possible expenditures. She said she would like to spend the bulk of our funds on additional personnel. Here are some of her additional ideas:

Double dose personnel

Professional development for teachers

Summer Collaboration money for those who do not get sponsorship from the district

New equipment (projectors, iPads, etc.)

Ilene asked that we all survey parents and other teachers for their preferences for possible expenditures.

4. Great things to report

-People liked Ilene's emails reporting fun school activities

-Matt loved it when the Traverse Tiger showed up at the student drop-off (that was Britt in the smelly costume)

-Diane Lewis reported that she had a new student move in this week from Georgia. Since they use GoMath there also, these students did not have any problem with the transition in math. Yay!

5. SCC Member Term Review

Those who need to be re-elected: Krista, Natalie, Kim,

Those who do not need to be re-elected: Rachelle, Janelle, Kristy, Matt

Janelle will check with Kristy to see if she will be staying on.

Ilene and Kimberly will be looking into adding more parents to our committee for next year.

6. Updates on Driving Safety:

Ilene reports that it has improved. She has a plan to create a parent committee so they can make some proposals for revisions for next year.

7. Kim adjourned the meeting at 4:43