

Washington Elementary Community Council Minutes 2/5/2016

In attendance: Kelly Mitchell, Amanda Whitney, Sarah Miller, Carrie Neilson

Not in attendance: Pam Stephenson, Natasha Isom

- 2:15 Minutes from last meeting, December 4th, read and approved.
- 2:21 Mr. Mitchell presented an example of a data board used by teachers to track students in reading. He explained how teachers look at the needs of each individual student and provide the necessary interventions for the students. The use of the LLI program was discussed. Mr. Mitchell explained that the latest research shows that listening to fluent readers and spending a lot of time reading is the most beneficial in helping students to become better readers. One way that students are able to listen to fluent reading is by the use of the listening center in the classroom. A possibility for funding would be to purchase more of these kits for teachers to check out from the library and use in their classrooms.
- 2:33 Amanda asked about teacher preference between having additional help in the classroom, such as an aide, compared with having access to additional books and materials. Mr. Mitchell talked about the benefit of having an aide in the classroom to monitor students so the teacher is freed up to work with the students who need additional help.
- 2:38 Title One is buying a new set of laptops for the Successmaker lab so the computers that are currently in the lab will be used in classrooms.
- 2:40 The upper grade teachers would like Science materials, lower grades would like books and listening centers, and all teachers would like additional man power.
- 2:43 Sarah complimented the teachers in Washington Elementary for keeping the students engaged, being aware of their current levels, and intervening as necessary.
- 2:45 Amanda asked to be excused from the remainder of the meeting. Carrie agreed to lead the remainder of the meeting.
- 2:50 The council looked at the website to determine dates when things are due, and when to hold meetings. The art program at Washington Elementary was discussed and all council members present agreed that the program was valuable to the students.

- 2:56 Mr. Mitchell talked about the idea of having all of the support staff work with one grade level at a time. This would help ensure that students would not be pulled from Tier 1 instruction throughout the day.
- 3:00 The council decided to think about the options to include in the budget and decide what items to address at the next meeting. The plan and budget will then be made. The council will also look at which populations at the school need additional services and what subject areas need to be addressed. The ESL paraprofessional is currently paid for 10 hours per week about of Trustlands. The council will determine if this should continue.
- 3:10 The next meeting will be held on March 18th. If the plan is due earlier, the council will meet on February 19th. The meeting will be held at 2:15
- 3:13 Meeting Adjourned