

Washington Elementary Community Council Minutes 11/30/2016

In attendance: Kelly Mitchell, Carrie Neilson, Katie Cluff, Brandon Bulow, Pamela Stephenson

Not in attendance: Natasha Isom

7:35: Previous minutes were read by Julie Smith. Carrie Neilson

7:39 Carrie Neilson went over what was discussed at the District Meeting. She talked about the documents that need to be posted on the website and said she would check with Shelle and make sure they were all posted. She explained that the money from Trust lands must be spent on student learning.

7:42: Carrie Neilson asked about how science was going. Pam Stephenson said that she loves having a science teacher and that the content being taught is relevant and will help the students know the information for SAGE. Mr. Mitchell mentioned that a few teachers were concerned about having to attend because they were missing out on other content areas. Pam Stephenson that as far as she is concerned, it is worth adjusting her schedule to have great science instruction.

7:45: The council looked at Data from the Title One Schoolwide Plan. Mr. Mitchell explained what the growth and proficiency numbers meant. The council also looked at the Dibels data since 2011. Mr. Mitchell explained how the Dibels test works and that the expectations increased with each test to see if a student was still at grade level. He explained that the test is like an engine light in a car, where it lets a teacher know that there is a problem so they can analyze the students reading and find out where the exact issue is. Carrie Neilson pointed out that our Dibels scores in K-2nd had improved a lot last year and asked if it was attributed to the aide help at the school. The council noted that the 3rd grade did not improve as much as the other grades according to Dibels.

7:55: Mr. Mitchell explained the price of an intern and how the council paid for it last year. He also explained that Title One paid for the reading aides this year because Community Council paid for science. Pam Stephenson talked about what she is doing to help increase test scores. Carrie Neilson talked about the many factors that affect test scores and that there are other things to look at to see student progress.

8:00: The council looked at the goals set for Reading, Writing, and Math in the Title One Plan. The Council signed off on the Title One Plan.

8:07: The council discussed what the needs for the school year could be. They talked about looking at science data and seeing how successful it is. Pam Stephenson explained that Mrs. Pay has taught the students how to make observations and inferences, which carry over into other subject areas. Mr. Mitchell explained that the council should not feel pressured to fund any certain area because Title One can provide support in other areas where needed. The council talked about the possibility of receiving more funds the following year due to the passing of the amendment B.

8:14: The council looked at dates for meetings and decided to meet on January 25th, and Mach 1st with a tentative meeting on March 22nd if needed. These meetings will be held at 7:30 in the morning in the conference room at the school.

8:18: Carrie Neilson will check with Shelle and make sure that she puts the information on the website. She will email all the council members to remind them about the meetings.

8:19: The meeting was adjourned.