

WES Community Council Minutes

February 23, 2021

In attendance: Amber DuBois, Kameron Bundy, Brandon Bulow, Brandon Mitchell, Kelly Mitchell, Andi Davis, Erin Fisher

7:34 – Amber DuBois called the meeting to order and asked that we review the minutes from our last meeting.

7:38 - Motion to accept the minutes from our last meeting – Amber DuBois and Kelly Mitchell

Erin Fisher presented our Science standards and goals for this school year.

The Science curriculum is all new this year – Mrs. Fisher has been creating lesson plans to go along with the new state standards for our 4th and 5th graders. The lessons are standards driven, hands-on, and vocabulary focused. The lessons are taught in a variety of forms: lecture, technology based, reading, writing, hands-on, with group and individual opportunities to make lessons stick.

2020/2021 school goal: 55% of students in 4th and 5th grades will score proficient or higher on the state end of year assessment in Science by May 2021.

4th and 5th grade students average 30% accuracy on a Science pretest to 70% accuracy on a Science post-test based on Erin Fisher's data.

7:52 - Brandon Bulow shared an experience as a parent where he has personally witnessed how the Science that Mrs. Fisher taught in 5th grade has really stuck and helped his now 7th grader understand, and stay caught up, in Science.

7:56 – Our goals in Title I are tied to the goals we set in Community Council. We will need to decide what we want our focus to be for the 2021-2022 school year. Amber DuBois and Brandon Bulow both said that they are all for a continued focus on Science.

Kameron Bundy mentioned that it might be interesting to have a scientific method question that Mrs. Fisher could focus on and give her own pre and post assessment to see if the students are getting it, possibly 1st-5th grade.

Amber DuBois mentioned that it would be nice to provide Science for the younger students, as well. She mentioned that it would give those students something to look forward to each day. Andi Davis said that in Second Grade their team is doing Science rotations as a grade level.

Kelly Mitchell explained that our other goal is typically focused on reading. A 15 hour/week paraprofessional is about \$7,500.00 per year. Brandon Bulow explained that we typically set aside funding for 4 reading paraprofessionals that Principal Mitchell will hire and assign to the needed areas.

8:16 – Kelly Mitchell explained that in the past we have been able to focus our funds on Reading in the lower grades, Science in the upper grades, Social/Emotional books, an Art teacher, and/or technology. We can choose the main need and then decide how to allocate the funds. Kelly Mitchell also mentioned that we could decide to focus on having a behavior tech at our school (27.5 hours would equate to a possible \$20,000/year).

The allocation of funds will need to be determined at our next meeting. Amber DuBois mentioned that she wants to be sure that our school has the support needed.

Calendar for the year:

January 21, 2021 at 7:30 am – Review Acadience growth data

February 23, 2021 at 7:30 am – Review Science data with Erin Fisher

March 18, 2021 at 7:30 am

March 25, 2021 at 7:30 am

8:30 – meeting adjourned