

Bemidji Area Schools - Title I District Parent Advisory Council

Luncheon Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2017 - Lincoln Elementary

Attending

District: Kathy Palm

District Parents: Angie Berg, Robin Harris, Berit Rosenberg, Jennifer Verdugo

Lincoln: Kimberly Bolte, Maureen Johnson, Jason Luksik, Kathy McKeown, Darlene Riewer, Liana Schaefer

Lincoln Parents: Sarah Bendorf, Sarah Behrens, Karin Harrison, Brooke Naasz

Welcome

Kathy Palm welcomed the group and explained what the Title I Parent Advisory Council does. She invited new parents to join the group and participate in the kindergarten packet assembly May 5 at the district office and the final meeting of the year at Solway Elementary May 25.

Lincoln Title I Services

The Lincoln staff explained their Title I program. Each teacher explained what they teach to each grade level. They described using test data such as AIMSweb, MAP, and MCAs to determine groups. The staff also shared the parent involvement activities Lincoln does each year including: American Indian Culture in the fall, Drop Everything & Read in February, and March Math Madness where they share math games and take-home games. Their parent involvement activities are well attended, and families look forward to them.

The parents in attendance shared things that they would like the schools to do. One parent said that parents would appreciate more direction when they volunteer about how to read to kids and the need for parents to have time to share with other parents. Another said it would be good to have a meeting just for parents of students attending Title I interventions to ask questions about these interventions and how they can support their children at home. A teacher suggested that parents might like training in Second Step and Responsive classroom about how to promote good behavior.

MCA Testing

Kathy shared information about how the MCA testing is going. So far, reading is above last year, but math is slightly lower with only a few students who have tested so far. In the fall, Kathy will share the 2017 test data with the Title I Parent Advisory Council.

Title I Budgets

Kathy shared that we are concerned that our Title I budget will be cut by 5% yet this year and another 10% next year. We are watching the federal government to see what other cuts they may make to Title II, Part A and 21st Century Learning Communities grant.

2017-2018 Family Engagement Plans

Kathy explained the 2017-2018 District Family Engagement Plan and each segment of the Title I Guidance. Parents provided comments about how the plan could be made clearer to parents. At the May 25 meeting at Solway, we will once again discuss the district and school Family Engagement Plans, and parents will vote to accept them. Then they will provide a signature to finalize the plans before posting them to the district and school websites.

Upcoming Events

- May 5, 8:00-12:00, District Office Board Room – Kindergarten Packet Assembly
- May 25, 11:30: Solway Elementary – PAC Lunch Meeting

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.