

# Bemidji Area Schools - Title I Parent Advisory Council

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## Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2016 – Central Elementary

### Members

*Parents:* Angie Berg, Becky Bentfield, Twila Bolte, Sondra Gudmanson, Robin Harris, Berit Rosenberg, Alisa VanDyke, Jennifer Verdugo

*District:* Kathy Palm, Jacque Pearce

### Central Elementary Education and Title I Services

Several family engagement events take place over the course of the year:

- In October, Central had a good turnout of parents/guardians for their Muffins with Math, where a math game is taught that can go home with families.
- The Fall Festival features music, bean bag toss, haunted house, cake walk, bingo, and other games.
- In November, books are presented to all students.
- February features Reading Week.
- Springtime brings the family Barnyard Days – featuring llamas this year!

Students, staff, and families are all very involved in the “One District – One Book” program.

Central encourages positivity about assessments. In the spring, all grade 3-5 students are rewarded for taking the state tests. In the fall is an MCA awards ceremony giving certificates to students with results of either meet or exceed.

With math, the Title team is doing monthly tracking, using the paper AIMSweb test and charting in-house. They are pushing for math fluency (which is also a Q Comp goal). There are 30 classroom Chromebooks used for IXL and Connections Academy.

Title I purchased 24 iPads that are used in sets of six, with apps for fluency: Writing Wizard; Bitsboard; Sight Word Fluency; etc.

### Meeting Times

Parents were asked which times work better for their meetings – noon is good, any months, and a notice at least 3-4 weeks out is greatly appreciated.

Solway will host the meeting in May 2017 – no other meetings are on the schedule just yet, but the Non-Public (St. Philip’s) will probably host in January or February.

### Sight Words Sets

Parents assisted with assembly of Sight Words sets for Central’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students.