

Bemidji Area Schools - Title I Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2016 - Solway Elementary

Members

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

District: Kathy Palm, Jacque Pearce

Solway Elementary Education and Title I Services

Tami Wesely, Principal, shared results of the Solway Continuous Improvement Audit. Improvements are already evident when looking at the spring 2016 MCA preliminary results.

Grades 1 and 2 sponsored grades 3-5 for testing. Students wore tee shirts and displayed stickers at home that encourage good rest prior to and during test dates.

The overall focus of Solway education is on the core subjects.

Teachers on Special Assignment (TOSA) are doing individual training which should work well in a small school during the school day. Class-wide intervention takes place if 50%, or more, of the students are not catching on to the lesson.

No Child Left Behind (NCLB): Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Kathy Palm, Director of Curriculum and Administrative Services, explains to the group the legislative changes in easing out of NCLB and into ESSA. The 2016-2017 school year is transitional; in October 2016, the US Department of Education is expected to release final new regulations; and in the 2017-2018 school year, ESSA takes effect.

Family Engagement Plans (FEP)

The 2016-2017 Family Engagement Plan is complete. This document is approved by the Parent Advisory Council and signed by parents. Solway Elementary shared their FEP, also.

Title I Kindergarten Packets

Parents assisted with assembly of the 2016-2017 Title I Kindergarten Packets on May 4. These were distributed to elementary schools and are available for either Orientation Day or conferences for all students entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2016.

Next Luncheon Meeting

The next PAC meeting date is yet to be determined for 2016-2017.