

Bemidji Area Schools District Title I Parent Advisory Council

Luncheon Meeting Minutes May 25, 2017 – Solway Elementary

Attending

District: Kathy Palm, Jacque Pearce

District Parents: Robin Harris, Alisa VanDyke

Solway: Gigi Nicoson, Heather Sande, Bonnie Wentzel, Tami WEsely

Lincoln Parents: Twila Bolte, Amanda Sherwood

Solway Education and Title I Services

Solway Title I staff promote student success in reading and math in various ways. Students read with the Tiger Bags program. They take books home to read with family or on their own. Cub Bags are comparable, but for younger siblings of the students using Tiger Bags. During the summer the S.P.A.R.K.S. reading program allows students great reading opportunities.

Schoolwide, Minnesota State testing is a major event. In late May, an awards ceremony acknowledges students that have made positive growth on their assessment scores. Also, those meeting or exceeding on the MCA receive awards. Classes cheer for each other and younger students that are not yet assessed, give encouraging notes to upper grade level students. Students are given a testing survival kit that includes Smarties, and eraser, paper clip, Solway pencil, and Lifesavers mint candies.

Title I Budgets

Kathy Palm 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

Revisions were made to the Family Engagement Plan for 2017-2018 as per parent suggestions and general editing. Copies of the revised document were given to those in attendance. The district plan and those for individual Title I buildings were signed by parents.

2017-2018 Parent Advisory Council

- Parents confirm that lunch time is the best for meetings.
- The first meeting in 2017-2018 will be after October 1.