



Title I Teacher Meeting

Tuesday, August 27, 2013
District Board Room

Staff Present: Audra Allen, Michelle Chase, Vince Collyard, Kathy Edmonds, Michele Green, Maureen Holmstrom, Patti Lempola, Amanda Mix, Sarah Nielsen, Kathy Palm, Casey Reiersen, Heather Sande, Liana Schaefer, Vonnie VanDyke

Minutes:

1. The meeting started at 8:00 a.m. with participants sharing something they did this summer just for fun.
2. Kathy discussed the 2013-2014 Title Application, which she will submit Friday, August 30, 2013. We discussed the Federal Sequestration and how it affected Bemidji. Kathy purposely carried over funds from the previous year to minimize the reduction in funds, so we should be okay for staffing this year. The Schoolwide Plans, Parent Policy, and Nonpublic Consultation signatures will be attached to the application
3. We discussed the 2013-2014 Schoolwide Plans and answered questions. Kathy requested that the teachers email them to her by Friday morning, so she can attach them to the 2013-2014 Title I application.
4. We reviewed test data including the 2013 AYP Results, which are embargoed until October 1, 2013. J. W. Smith and Lincoln did not make AYP, but the other Title I schools did. We also reviewed the 2013 MCA Reading and Math results. We expected a decrease in Reading proficiency with the new MCA Reading test, but not as much as 20%. We also did not expect the decrease in math proficiency. We will receive the 2013 Multiple Measurement Ratings (MMR) October 1, and we will set a meeting to discuss the results.

Kathy discussed the Legislative testing changes that eliminate the GRAD test but add College and Career tests for grades 8, 10 and 11 in 2014-2015. MDE promises to eliminate the MCAs for these grade levels for the 2015-2016 school year. Kathy also shared the 2013-2014 Test Dates.

5. Kathy reminded the Title I teachers to keep sign-in sheets for all meetings and parent activities and to document parent compacts and parent communication.
6. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.