



Title I Teacher Meeting

1:00-3:30, Wednesday, December 17, 2014
District Board Room

Attendees: Audra Allen, Michelle Chase, Lori Clifton, Vince Collyard, Michele Green, Maureen Holmstrom, Denise Johnson, Kim Kusler, Patti Lempola, Amanda Mix, Kathy Palm, Darlene Riewer, Heather Sande, Pat Welte

Minutes:

1. Kim Kusler, RtI Specialist, presented two phonics interventions for 2nd and 3rd graders. The **Word Connection Intervention** is based on Dr. Isabel Beck's book, *Making Sense of Phonics*. It consists of three parts: 1) manipulating letters to make specific words on a provided list and writing the words, 2) reading the words accurately on flashcards, and 3) reading silly sentences that contain the words. Kim provided resources that will help teachers implement this intervention. Kim also shared the **Path to Reading Excellence of School Sites (PRESS)**, which is from University of Minnesota Center for Reading Research. This phonics intervention can be used with individual students, small groups of students, or the whole class and should take 10-20 minutes per day. Kim and Kathy will write a district staff development grant, so Kim can provide training in these interventions for other teachers after school.
2. Amanda Mix, Lincoln Math Specialist, presented beginning and more advanced features of the district's **Viewpoint Data Warehouse**. Attendees brought laptop computers, so they could have hands-on training. We learned how to look at student demographics, access scores by subject and strand, print select information or batch print, connect to the NWEA Instructional Ladder, connect to Pearson Perspective with the Learning Locator numbers, set favorite reports, set up a group, and share a group. Amanda will offer more training at the district level, and we will apply for a district staff development grant to pay teachers to attend after school.
3. Kathy pointed out the November 19, 2014, meeting minutes handout. She showed the teachers the district web site and where the Title I information is located. All of the meeting minutes and agendas are available on the district site for Title I, Homeless Transition, Title I Parent Council, and other committees. The district site provides links to the Title I schools, and we discussed what pieces should be added to those web sites. Kathy also pointed out the district's World's Best Workforce Plan and how much information is available there.
4. We took a detailed look at the Compliance Check List for Schoolwide and Nonpublic Schools. Kathy mentioned documents that they could have available to show that they are in compliance, and attendees asked questions. The schools are making great progress



at getting things ready for the Title monitoring January 12-16, 2015. Staff will contact Kathy if they need test data or other resources for their files and monitoring.

5. Upcoming staff trainings include:
 - a. Number Worlds with Karie Hougard: Jan. 15 & 22, Feb. 12
 - b. Houghton Mifflin Math Expressions – 7:30-12:30, January 28, 2015, at district office for Math Specialists & others not needing subs
 - c. Guided Reading by level with Kim Kusler: Jan. 8, 27 & 29, Feb. 5, 24 & 26, March 12, 19, 24 & 26
 - d. To be determined: Viewpoint Data Warehouse with Amanda Mix and Reading Interventions with Kim Kusler, and Number Worlds webinar with McGraw Hill

The meeting adjourned at 3:35.