



Title I Teacher Meeting

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

7:35 – 10:30

District Board Room

Staff Attending: Audra Allen, Michelle Chase, Lori Clifton, Vince Collyard, Michele Green, Maureen Holmstrom, Denise Johnson, Kim Kusler, Jason Luksik, Sarah Nielsen, Kathy Palm, Vonnie VanDyke

Minutes:

1. Kathy shared the 2014 Multiple Measurement Ratings (MMR) district summary with everyone and the individual school results specific to those staff members. We looked at: Proficiency, Achievement Gaps, and Student Growth. This was excellent news because the MMR showed the progress that schools made last year. As a result, none of our Title I schools are on Continuous Improvement, and J. W. Smith and Solway are Celebration Eligible.
2. We also looked in detail at the Student Growth Reports. Each staff person received the printout for their individual student math and reading growth. They also received their MDE growth summary and a data sheet that Kathy created showing their MMR Rating for the last four years, and math and reading proficiency, achievement gaps, and student growth for All Students, American Indian, Free and Reduced, and Special Education. The report is color coded green for good progress and red for needs improvement. This was very positive information for the staff, and we celebrated our accomplishments from all the hard work completed last year.
3. In planning for next year, Kathy asked the teachers to share what resources they will need for this year. Some ideas included: the on and below level Activity Cards and Response to Intervention (RtI) folders for Math Expressions. They also would like more PALS math and reading training and math standards alignment. We discussed the 2014-2015 Title I Budget, which Kathy will finalize when MDE provides the final allocations (end of October). We also discussed what we need to do to prepare in case MDE monitors our Title I program. Kathy reminded everyone to keep their documentation for everything they do.
4. Kathy explained the 2014-2015 Rural & Low Income Grant application. The \$96,000 was budgeted as follows:
 - a. Viewpoint Data Warehouse
 - b. Graduation Rate Improvement with a College and Career Interventionist
 - c. Consumables & Digital Access for Number Worlds
5. The 2014-2015 Title I Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings are being scheduled, and Kathy asked the teachers to let her know if they have changes or additions to the parents representing their schools on the Title I PAC. We also need to know when they want the



Title I PAC to meet at their schools. Central would like us to meet Friday, October 10 at noon. J. W. Smith would like to meet with the PAC November 14, 2014, and Solway would like to meet in May 2015. Lincoln did not give a date.

6. We discussed the Title I staff 2014-2015 training needs, which include Math Expressions and Number Worlds. The paras will also have training on the four early release days when the teachers attend their PLCs.
7. Kim Kusler presented training for the Basic Reading Inventory (BRI) Diagnostic Reading Assessment and shared ways the teachers could use this tool. Every Title I school has a copy of the book in their Title I library, including a CD with access to scoring forms. This is an individually administered assessment that takes about an hour to administer.
8. We set our next meeting date for November 20, 2014, from 1:00-3:00 at the district office.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.