



Title I Teacher Meeting

2:00 – 3:30, Friday, September 8, 2017
District Board Room

Attendees: Audra Allen, Kim Bolte, Vince Collyard, Terri Forseth, Michelle Green, Kathy Jo McKeown, Amanda Mix, Nancy Neis, Gigi Nicoson, Sarah Nielsen, Kathy Palm, Darlene Riewer, Heather Sande, Liana Schaefer, Pat Welte, Tami Wesely

Minutes:

1. Participants introduced themselves and shared something they are looking forward to this school year. Most of the comments related to working with students. We noted the Title Staff List, and Kathy asked members to let her know if there were any errors.
2. We reviewed the May 23, 2017 meeting minutes, looking at ESSA changes and some spring test results.
3. Kathy shared information about the 2017-2018 Title I Application and Budget. We received \$50,000 less in Title I allocation for 2017-2018 and \$100,000 less for Title II. There is talk at the federal level about eliminating Title II, but several congressmen are resisting that idea. We have new requirements to allocate Title funds to the nonpublic schools off the top and prior to the required set asides. We also need to consult with area tribes this year and upload that proof into the March Title amendment and by September 1 each year after that.
4. Kathy shared the transition to Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) information, and noted that Ami Aalgaard and Ranae Seykora wrote the Title IV grant for STEM and technology. Our district was eligible for \$50,000, and we will learn in October if the grant is successful. The 2018 MCAs will determine whether schools are tagged for improvement measures. Any identified Title I school will need to set aside 20% of their Title I budget for school improvement.
5. Kathy shared spring 2017 test data. There are no MMR or AYP reports this year. According to district results, Bemidji district is performing above the state in our focus subgroups for reading, math, and science. Grades 5-10 are performing above the State in reading, and Grades 6-11 are performing above the state in math. Kathy is concerned about the primary reading for Read Well by Third Grade. We also discussed the transition from AIMSweb to Primary MAP. There is no OLPA test this year.
 - a. Spring 2017 AIMSweb results
 - b. 2017 MCA Reading, Math & Science Results
 - c. 2017 Achievement Gaps
 - d. 2017-2018 Test Dates
 - e. Primary MAP to replace AIMSweb this year



6. Kathy discussed things to watch in the event our district Title I is monitored by the State this year. We need to make sure our Title I schedules reflect the amount of time we are teaching Title I, and we need to complete the necessary Time & Effort forms. We also need to make sure we have our equipment and technology inventory up to date. Pat Welte said that Kirk Anderson has been working on this. We also need to note on requisitions how the purchase is related to the Schoolwide Plan. Finally, we need to document all meetings for the Schoolwide Plan team and all Title I events.
7. Kathy asked the group to recommend parents for the Title I Parent Advisory Council and let her know when they would like to host the PAC at their school. J. W. Smith volunteered for October 27, 2017, and Solway volunteered for May 2018. Kathy shared that Jacque Pearce and the PAC parents assembled the Kindergarten Packets in May, and these have been distributed to the public and nonpublic schools. Some schools shared them at orientation, and some will do that at conferences.
8. Amanda Mix shared her training list for this year and she and Gigi Nicoson asked the group to let them know if they have training requests. Kathy shared the MAASFEP conference information for October 5-6, 2017. Staff can use their school Title I or school staff development budgets, or write a district staff development grant.
9. The meeting adjourned at 3:30.