

Bemidji Area Schools - Title I Parent Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2015 - J.W. Smith Elementary

Members

Parents: Angie Berg, Sondra Gudmanson, Robin Harris, Berit Rosenberg, Alisa VanDyke, Jennifer Verdugo

District: Kathy Palm, Jacque Pearce

J.W. Smith Education and Title I Services

This elementary school provides intervention services for both math and reading. Every day, 36-40 pupils per staff member are served with intensive group intervention for four to five students. Intensive 30-minute reading lessons are given through Leveled Literacy Intervention and Reading Recovery teachers. Plus, five paraprofessionals are on duty assisting students with math and reading in the classroom. For guided math and reading, a few students are pulled out. Students' progress is monitored by graphing growth results from fall, winter and spring.

In December 2015, J.W. Smith will feature a read-in called "Flurry of Books". This event involves parents and students joining together for an afternoon in mid-December. Family members are invited to come to the school to read to their child. This activity usually lasts for 1 full hour and it is done from about 2:00 until the end of the day. Every child in grades K-5 receives a book purchased for their grade level by Title I. The children take the books home with them and the families and students are served a special cookie treat.

Family Engagement Plans

Parents were given a copy of the 2015-2016 Family Engagement Plan and informed the document will be refreshed in the spring with their assistance.

Parent Notification

Parents were given a copy of the 2015-2016 Parent Notification, the back page to the annual Title I Newsletter.

Spring 2015 Assessments

Bemidji Area Schools' District Assessment Coordinator, Kathy Palm, shares information on the spring state testing. Palm provided a handout with MCA results for math, reading and science with subgroup proficiency data.

Next Luncheon Meeting February 17, 2016 at Central Elementary