



Bemidji Homeless Advisory Team

Wednesday, October 30, 2013
District Board Room

Members Present: Vince Beyl, Jolene Enerson, Stephanie Hubbard, Angie Lauderbaugh, Kathy Palm, Ken Stevens, Tami Wesely

Minutes:

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00. Tami and Angie discussed the Evergreen program and the process for students who should or should not be attending the AEC program. They will put something in writing. When there is cold weather, Nancy has asked if there is any chance we could provide transportation. Tami and Angie will talk to Evergreen staff.
2. Homeless Awareness Week is November 18-22, 2014, and the chicken dinner is Nov. 19. Angie will email this information to the principals.
3. We discussed the 2012-2013 Homeless Report.

Age	# Served
0-5	3
K-5	118
6-8	56
9-12	56
Total	233

104 of these students were living in shelters
 113 were doubled up
 10 were unsheltered
 6 were in motels
 65 homeless students were children with disabilities.

4. We discussed the activities transportation. Paul Bunyan Transit said they could make some changes if we had at least 10 kids going from one spot at 5:30.
5. Angie asked about including the Homeless Point People from each building at Homeless Advisory Team meetings. Kathy said the cost for seven half-day subs would be \$550.55 per meeting, and there is no funding to cover that.
6. McKinney Vento goes hand in hand with the district goals of closing the achievement gap with students. Kathy shared MCA data reports comparing the mobile vs. the non-mobile All Students, Free & Reduced Lunch, American Indian, and Special Education. The gaps are greater in math than in reading.
 - a. It is not just one issue - the issue of homelessness but generally many issues that come with students who qualify and this is holding students back from achieving.
 - b. Take another look at being creative to assist at-risk students and those who are experiencing homelessness
 - c. Scenarios - MS student, transitioning students, elementary students



7. Early childhood - servicing students in pre-k programs. We do count them as 'enrolled' for McKinney Vento. Age 0-2 we report as 'served'. (Only special ed. pre-K students are counted for funding, not K-1 or preschool.)
8. We discussed having a resource center like Vince had mentioned last spring, and Angie shared ideas from one school visit.
9. We adjourned at 2:30. Our next meeting date is Wednesday, November 27, at 1:00 at the district office.