



Bemidji Homeless Advisory Team

Thursday, September 25, 2014

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

District Board Room

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

Guests: Michael Erickson & Sally

Agenda:

1. Introductions: Angie's Intern Sally & Michael Erickson
2. 2014-2015 McKinney Vento Grant Application – approved for \$40,000
3. Overview of the Safe at Home program
4. Update on the Annual Homeless Awareness Week and Chicken Dinner
 - a. Food Challenge
 - b. Place Mats from Students
 - c. Donations
5. Discussion:
 - a. If a child starts the year as 'homeless' and then the family finds permanent housing within the first month or two of school, when is the best time to transition that child to their new school?
 - b. Review the latest from the state department and the best way to educate - There is a piece of McKinney Vento that covers children while their parents are in jail. Each year, we have kids missing school when this happens because the school isn't notified if the children are staying with someone while their parent is in jail.
2. Training Needs:
 - a. Staff Meetings - What to offer staff?
 - b. Refresher training for "Point People" in each building
 - c. NW Region training: Roberto Reyes (MDE) would like the rest of the NW region to come together for a meeting, maybe we could open it up to them as well to make the best use of time and resources, similar to what we did a few years ago.
3. Other
 - a. Next Meeting Date: