

District Staff Development Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2015

1. Welcome – 2015-16 School Year
 - Building reps – sign in
 - Each building have reps?
2. Kathy Palm – Updates on DSD funds
 - Updates for 2015-16 school year
3. Staff Development Funds
 - Building focus on school goals
 - Focus on any specific areas?
4. Staff Development Goals
 - Review and approve
5. Title I and Title II Training
 - RtI Specialists
6. Grants – Review
 - Ten grants totaling \$31,636.53
7. Other
 - Grant Review, Round II – grants due December 3rd.

Staff Development Committee

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The Committee

Melissa Bahr, Lisa Bollinger, Amy Eklund, Terri Forseth, Roxanne Hartje, Erin Morehouse, Rich Morehouse, Kathy Palm, Jacque Pearce, Stephen Pflieger, Lisa Vind, Janine Wahl, Keven Waller, Diane Whalen

Call to Order

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.

District Updates

Welcome to 2015-2016:

- » Committee Chair, Stephen Pflieger, provides a review of District Staff Development building representatives.

Staff Development Funds:

- » Committee members received an overview on funding for 2015-2016.
 - Securing subs for staff development is very difficult: Monday and Friday are not possible; Tuesday and Thursday are difficult because of sporting events; Wednesday seems to be the most optimal – requesting subs as far in advance as possible and getting in the leave requests is helpful for the timing to hire subs.
 - The BEA votes again this year for one or two percent of the district funds channeled to District Staff Development – the replenishment of funds will likely be similar to 2014-2015.

Staff Development Goals:

- » The committee reviews 2015-2016 District Professional Development Goals and approve unanimously.

Title I and Title II Training:

- » Two Rtl Specialists were hired to provide intervention training and leadership in reading and math – several of the District Staff Development 2015-2016 Review I grants are for training opportunities they will provide.

MDE Staff Development Reporting:

- » Kathy Palm completed the final phase of the MDE mandated Staff Development Report due October 15. The report was signed by Dr. Hess, Stephen Pflieger, and Kathy Palm, and then faxed to MDE.

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Activity Grant Applications Review

Ten grants were up for review this session – nine receive funding:

1	District SMARTBoard Committee's SMARTBoard Resources	\$4,334.40
2	ELL Connections to Our Native American Population	\$600.00
3	Next Steps in Guided Reading	\$5,321.65
4	Six Traits Writing & Guided Writing Groups (J.W. Smith)	\$690.42
5	Six Traits Writing & Guided Writing Groups (district)	\$4,412.92
6	Spotlight Sessions in Reading and Literacy	\$5,308.20
7	Structuring Literacy with The Daily 5 CAFÉ	\$4,593.30
8	Using Math Expressions to Promote Differentiated Instruction	\$1,444.80
9	Using Viewpoint to Promote Differentiated Instruction	\$1,444.80
Total		\$30,422.11

Next Grant Review

Grant Review II:

» Grants due November 24 with the review on Tuesday, December 1.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned: 5:15 p.m.

BEMIDJI AREA SCHOOLS
2015-2016 District Professional Development Goals

Highest Levels of Student Success:

- A. Provide training for staff to increase reading proficiency for all students.
- B. Provide training for staff to increase mathematics proficiency for all students.
- C. Provide training for staff to increase the graduation rate for all students.

Safe and Welcoming Environment

- A. Provide training for staff to reduce the incidence of bullying, assaults, and fights.

Effective and Efficient Operations

- A. Provide training for staff to maintain the percentage of certified staff and paraprofessionals listed as highly qualified.