

# Staff Development Committee

## Meeting Minutes 10-06-2014

### **The Committee**

Melissa Bahr, Lisa Bollinger, Amy Eklund, Terri Forseth, Dave Gooch, Roxanne Hartje, Drew Hildenbrand, Meredith Kehoe, Rich Morehouse, Kathy Palm, Stephen Pflieger, Mary Jo Sorenson, Lisa Vind, Janine Wahl, Keven Waller, Diane Whalen

### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

### **District Updates - Kathy Palm**

Paraprofessional Training: Bemidji Area Schools will feature four days with early release time in the 2014-2015 school year. During the release time, training will be provided for Bullying Prevention (now mandated); Reading Strategies; Math Strategies; Connecting Math and Culture; and Proactive Approaches and Interventions for Managing Student Behavior. A schedule was given to the committee.

Title Programs: Title I money, \$15, 947, is set aside for Reading Recovery, Minnesota Reading Corps Coaches, and Title I teacher training and meetings. Title II money is used for: 3.5 Class Size Reduction teachers; Comparability Report; and \$177,161 for: Kim Kusler, Rtl Specialist; Curriculum Review; Sub Costs; After-School Review; New Math Curriculum; and the Data Retreat. Non-Public schools get approximately \$8,000 of Title-II funds.

Rural and Low Income Grant: The amount allocated is \$96,000 which will be used for improving AYP and MMR; District AYP; Special Ed. Math; The District Graduation Rate that is currently 76.6% (not including First City School or Oshki Manidoo); Hiring of a .5 FTE College & Career Interventionist; Alternative Education Center .5 FTE; the Viewpoint Data Warehouse; Bemidji High School Chemistry Compass online; Bemidji

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Middle School Books; MAP science testing; and the elementary Number Worlds curriculum.

Homeless Program: This is funded by the McKinney Vento grant of \$40,000 plus \$40,000 Title I funding.

World's Best Work Force (WBWF): There are staff development emphases within the WBWF requirements. Five main goals are 1) School Readiness - all students are ready for Kindergarten; 2) 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Literacy - All students will read at or above the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level by third grade; 3) Close Achievement Gaps; 4) High School Graduation - Strive for a 100% graduation rate; and 5) College and Career Ready - ensure student college and career readiness.

### **The Committee**

There are openings for building representatives; the High School is encouraged to add another rep. Building reps should discuss with their individual committees how their staff development money will be used. The Chair Seat is currently filled by Stephen Pflieger. A motion was carried unanimously to accept his incumbency for the 2014-2015 school year. After this year, Pflieger will step down.

### **Activity Grant Applications Review**

One grant was up for review this session for which funding was approved.

1	Closing the Achievement Gap: Culturally Responsive Education	\$76.16
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### **Adjournment**

5:00 p.m.