

Staff Development Committee

Meeting Minutes 09-28-2017

The Committee

Melissa Bahr, Angie Bonik, Terri Forseth, John Gonzalez, Roxanne Hartje, Teresa Kuleta, Erin Morehouse, Rich Morehouse, Kathy Palm, Tiffany Palmer, Jacque Pearce, Stephen Pflieger, Susan Richards, Ashley Sands, Lisa Vind, Keven Waller, Diane Whalen

Business

2017-2018

- Committee received copies of:
 - 2017 Minnesota Statutes [122A.60](#) and [122A.61](#) regarding Staff Development funding
 - [2016-2017 World's Best Workforce Report](#)
 - [World's Best Workforce 2016-2017 Staff Development Report](#)
 - [2017-2018 Staff Development and Title Professional Development Report](#)
 - [Bemidji Area Schools 2017-2022 Strategic Plan](#)

Professional Development Specialists

- Leo Alberti – Technology Integration Specialist hired through Q-Comp to provide support to teachers using technology in their classrooms
- Jared Blanche – Cultural Curriculum Specialist hired through Indian Education to help teachers with American Indian culture and how to implement it into curriculum
- Amanda Mix – RtI Math/Science Specialist hired through Title II to provide support for math and science standards and curriculum
- Brigitta (Gigi) Nicoson – RtI Reading/Social Studies Specialist hired through Title II to provide support for language arts and social studies standards and curriculum

District Professional Development Focus

- Understanding our students cultural and poverty concerns
 - The Leadership Team is participating in a book study of William Parrett's *Turning High-Poverty Schools into High-Performing Schools*
 - Amanda Mix will provide poverty training based on Eric Jensen's book *Poor Students, Rich Teaching*
 - Jared Blanche will provide training on American Indian culture
- Staff Development Committee needs to approve 2017-2018 District Staff Development Goals

October 2, 2017 Staff Development Day:

- School Improvement is the focus with principals taking charge in the activities for their staff

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Title I Professional Development Activities

- 2017-2018 brings a cut of \$50,000 in the Title I allocation, so district Title I expenses are being cut back to allow more at the building level

Title II Professional Development Activities

- The Title II allocation received a \$100,000 cut for 2017-2018 and there are concerns the Trump Administration will eliminate this funding altogether

Activity Grant Applications Review

There were 13 grants up for review this session, funding is approved for all:

1	The Daily and CAFÉ Parts 1 and 2	\$3,607.20
2	E-3 Alignment	\$939.12
3	Integrating Technology in the Elementary	\$4,081.82
4	Running Records	\$922.40
5	The Next Step Forward in Guided Reading	\$2,143.00
6	Poor Students Rich Teaching and Poor Students Richer Teaching 1	\$1,750.00
7	Poor Students Rich Teaching and Poor Students Richer Teaching 2	\$2,363.20
8	Preparing BAS for the Future with Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)	\$3,878.80
9	Teaching Cultural Competence K-5	\$1,337.00
10	The Three Rs: Refocus and Rethink RtI (K-8)	\$1,803.00
11	Trauma Sensitive Schools Information and Strategies	\$2,528.40
12	Using Viewpoint to Promote/Create Instructional Groups	\$722.40
13	Writing Workshop	\$1,342.40
Total		\$27,418.74

Discussions

- Unanimous approval of Bemidji Area Schools 2017-2018 District Professional Development Goals
- Update grant Application form

Grant Review Dates 2017-2018

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Submit Date</u>	<u>Review Date</u>
II	November 30	December 7
III	February 1	February 8
IV	May 10	May 17