

# Bemidji Area Schools - Title I District Parent Advisory Council

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## **Luncheon Meeting Minutes**

**November 1, 2019 – J.W. Smith Elementary**

### **Attending**

*District Title I Representatives:* Colleen Cardenuto, Christine Christiansen, Superintendent Lutz, Jacque Pearce

*J.W. Smith Staff:* Audra Allen, Michele Green, Annie Laituri, Nancy Neis, Sarah Nielsen, Ron Oldham, Joan Sagedahl, Principal Welte

*Parents:* Jennie Beugler, Kimberly Crawford

### **J.W. Smith Education and Title I Services**

Principal Welte indicates there is improvement on working with students – making sure all students are covered. With MTSS, it seems individual students are receiving more of the assistance they need. MTSS seems to be working well with staff pushing high flyers, as well.

J.W. Smith staff, including Title I teachers explain that processes are going well with the new MTSS and MyView Language Arts curriculum for elementary. Title I staff use various teaching methods to assist students:

- Flood-in time for reading and math
- Pals group transitioning
- Pushing in (flooding class or grade level with several teachers)
- Books, writing, blending and segmenting
- Number Worlds (pre-test results compared with MAP scores and MCA)
- Number Sense (monitored through FastBridge)
- Subitizing in mathematics
- Pals – students not getting letters and sounds partner up with students to work together on this skill
- Minnesota Reading Corps tutor emphasizes building students' reading rates and/or responsive reading
- Title book distribution

### **Curriculum: Pearson Reading; Science Review**

Teachers have received initial training on the new Pearson MyView Language Arts elementary curriculum with future training sessions set during the school year. Science is in the beginning of review, but will move a few years out due to standards revisions.

## **MTSS Implementation Process**

MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) meets students where they are at and helps them to grow from that point. By mid-year, students should feel a sense of community. The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) advocates the use of MTSS to increase the number of students meeting grade-level standards and graduating with skills for further education and work careers. The majority of MDE's work with MTSS is connected to implementing the *Minnesota K-12 Academic Standards* with fidelity and building additional intervention supports to increase student achievement for all students.

## **World's Best Workforce Report**

The World's Best Workforce Report Summary is in progress and will be ready to submit to the School Board for review on November 25, 2019. The summary is due to MDE by December 1. The annual full report will be available simultaneously.

## **Conferences**

Ms. Cardenuto recommends that parents meet with Title Staff at Parent/Teacher conferences. J.W. Smith staff indicate this process is in place.

## **Parent Input**

- Will there be a district-wide reading event? (Similar to the "Humphrey" book a few years ago)
- Communication about the Bemidji After-School Learning program is a need.
- Parents would like more timely information about where and when to see or meet with Title I staff.
- It would be helpful to include a monthly Title I tidbit in the school newsletter.
  - We need newsletter consistency across the district.

## **2019-2020 Parent Advisory Council Meeting Schedule**

- October 11, 2019: Lincoln
- November 1, 2019: J.W. Smith
- November 20, 2019: Central
- January 16, 2020: Gene Dillon
- May 14, 2019: Solway
- May 2019: Kindergarten Packet Assembly