

Shiloh- SIT Meeting Minutes
8/31/15

Spencer		Lightner		
McGinniss	Painter	Contafio		
Dunn	Guzman	Klutz	Long	
Di Hasty	Kozma	Painter	Wilson	*Lyash, Catapano- absent

Welcome- Thank you for serving on our committee and your commitment to Shiloh.

Parent Concerns- None at this time

Teacher Concerns:

School news- It is now being shown at 7:30 AM on Friday mornings, does this start too soon? Should we take this into consideration? Feedback of how school news is now going. Does it take a lot of reigning in your students? Second grade shared that they have a lot to accomplish so the students keep on with what they are doing as news plays. Upper grades shared that the class settles down fine after getting excited. It is a lot of work to get the news together, so are the students really getting the most out of it? Some students come in late and are disappointed. Dunn asked if any teachers have seen any more subject areas covered during the Friday afternoon time that school news used to have been shown. Long shared that it is science/social studies time.

After discussion, it was proposed and then decided that we will have it at two different times on Fridays: One in the morning, and one in the afternoon. Mrs. Klutz will push play 7:15 and 1:45.

Mrs. Dunn complimented Mrs. Hasty on the additions to school news. Parents asked if we could let them know when school news is held. Mr. Spencer said he will do an E-News about the change.

Cafeteria Noise- Please remind your grade levels that the students are only allowed to talk when the music is off. They are to remain quiet in the line as they get their food as well.

Fire Drills- Please remind your grade level members of the procedure of holding a red card up when you are missing a student that is with a small pull-out group (ESL, EC, Guidance, etc.) This accounts for students possibly traveling by themselves between classes when the alarm sounds. When students are in a class such as Specials or AIG, the homeroom teacher would not hold up a red card, since those students are with an assigned class.

Administration:

Instruction- Instruction will be focus for all schools. We have added WIN to each grade level for all kids. We have a WIN committee that will help plan what this will look like. Reading is a big push and Mrs. Klutz has been preparing for Literacy Night and the Book Fair. Mrs. Klutz shared that the Union County Library will be here to sign students up with a library card. Meeting with the Splash English teachers went well to look at data to see trends. Wordly Wise was purchased for all the grade levels. Announcements have been focused on having a word of the day to increase vocabulary. In depth concentration of looking at data and instruction to be focused. Daily emails have focused shout outs of great instruction that administration has seen through classroom observations. Mr. Spencer stressed that instruction has always been strong at Shiloh, but that we are being more focused in our efforts to look at specific areas/objectives in reading in which our students struggle.

Student/Staff AdvancED Goal- The goal has been written by the county that every child will have an adult to be paired with to “go to”. We will plan what that will look like here at Shiloh. We have 545 students, and only close to 50 adults. It can be through WIN, BLT, and clubs that students attend. Buddy classes are a way to connect to another adult as well. Mrs. Long shared that Mrs. Milutin would send a group of students to help in her class. Mrs. Painter shared that she feels that the teachers here do a great job of knowing the students and engaging with how they are doing.

Grading- This is for grades 3-5: Assignments are now weighted by points, not percentages. All assignments are out of 100 points. The state has adopted the 10 point grading scale. Ex: A=90-100, etc.

Survey/Continuous Improvement-The teacher survey question- “New responsibilities are given only after others are taken away.” We would like the SIT representatives to go back to their teams to get suggestions on how to make this better. What processes can be changed that can help? Mrs. Aldredge gave example of how the 5th grade schedule was changed due to the teachers asking for the special area times to be changed. Mr. Spencer also shared that administration listens to staff and that if there is a better way to do something, then they will consider that.

Meeting Dates:

Monday Oct. 26th @ 2:30

Monday Jan. 11th @ 2:30

Monday May 2nd @ 2:30

Mr. Spencer:

Shared that the if a concern comes to us we can handle some things at the school level, but others at SIT. Many concerns can be handled right away before the meetings. He will try to fix whatever he can, as quickly as he can, same for Mrs. Aldredge.