

SIT Meeting Minutes

6/1/15

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McGinniss	Catapano	Contafio
Dunn	Guzman	Klutz
Di Hasty	Kozma	Hart
Painter	Aldredge	Long

Welcome- Mrs. Dunn thanked our parents and teachers for attending the last SIT meeting for this school year.

Parent Concerns- None at this time

Teacher Concerns- Kindergarten had mentioned that students were still wearing open-toed shoes although it is in the dress code to only have closed toed shoes. We suggested that for next year the teachers explain at open house and other parent meetings the safety concern we have with students getting hurt on the playground with open toed shoes.

Can special area days like the African American Read In, or the news meteorologist visit be arranged to fall on different days. Currently it has been that special events are held on Fridays. When this occurs the same classes miss their special area class for that week. This is sometimes difficult and causes the class to get behind in that special area. For example for media, Mrs. Klutz would have to schedule another time for check out for that class. Mrs. Hasty and Mrs. Klutz will make sure they work together with the special area teachers to make sure the events are spaced out on various days for the 2015-2016 school year.

Administration Concerns

Homework- Mrs. Aldredge asked the grade level representatives about grading homework. We need to be consistent among grade levels. In K-3 homework is given and expected to be done, but it is not graded. In fourth grade reading responses are graded based on a rubric. Fifth grade has graded reading responses as well as a current event assignment that is also graded. Points are taken off if the assignment is late and a participation grade for homework is given in every subject.

The team agreed that having those few assignments in the upper grades that counted for a grade is appropriate. The parents commented that it helps in preparation for going to middle school by holding the students' responsible for not only turning in the assignments, but actually doing their best on those assignments.

Blast- Mr. Spencer shared that after school tutoring on Tuesdays currently called BLAST- Bulldogs Learning After School Together will no longer be held from 2:15-3:15. This program will now be implemented each school week on Tuesdays from 1:20-2:00. Each grade level will work together to provide individualized instruction by objective to their grade level. All special area teachers, assistants, and tutors will work together to provide instruction. Mr. Spencer

believes that by providing specific instruction for not only the students who are struggling, but to all students while they are here during the school day we will help reach each student's needs. Our focus will be reading. We hope to show that our reading scores will increase across the grade levels due to this WIN time, What I Need. Teachers were expected to stay and provide the BLAST tutoring from 2:15-3:15. Now that time is given back to them for planning time. This will begin after Labor Day to give classroom teachers time to know their students' needs. Mrs. Painter asked how will this look for SPLASH students. Mr. Spencer shared that the SPLASH students would get Spanish help where they needed it, or English help. It would depend on the particular student. Parents of all students will receive a letter when the WIN time begins. The groups will rotate frequently due to the skill levels changing based on student mastery. If parents have particular questions they can contact the classroom teacher who will know exactly which skill the child is learning on Tuesdays during WIN time.

School News- Friday afternoons seem hectic at times for school news that is currently shown from 1:20-2:00. We discussed showing the news on Friday mornings instead and keeping it at 15 minutes. Mrs. Hasty agreed with this decision. It will be shown from 7:15-7:30. It will be played in the cafeteria so that our breakfast eaters can still see the news.

Perfect Attendance- Next year for a student to receive a perfect attendance certificate they have to have no more than 12 am or pm tardies. We can create a certificate that is for never missing a school day, but the perfect attendance certificate will only be for those students with 12 or less tardies- am or pm.

Break/Break Away

Break will continue to be during intersession for students who are invited to come for instruction three days for one week of our break from 7:30-11:00. This will be for students who are below grade level and we will keep the group to a small number, 15 or less. We will try to offer this each of the three breaks. Parents are not required to pay for this opportunity. Parents need to provide transportation, as they currently do, for BREAK. Breakfast and lunch will not be served.

Break Away is proposed to be offered to any student that is not invited to BREAK. (We are checking with Central Services on permission for this.) This is how our intersessions at Shiloh used to be years ago. It is an enrichment opportunity for grades K-5. It will be themed based and also three days. Parents will have to pay for this "camp" and provide transportation. Breakfast and lunch will not be served. This will also run 7:30-11:30.

Field Day- Parents and teachers have asked if there is a way to make field day longer. Mrs. Aldredge suggested that we make a committee to help Mr. Roy with field day, it is too much to expect one person to plan it. The same committee can help with the memory garden, year book, relay for life team, etc.

Closing- The parents shared that the RAZ KIDS has been a wonderful program that PTA purchased for our students.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, August 31st at 2:30.

