

SHARED DECISION MAKING COMMITTEE

2016-2017

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D. Young, G. Patino, L. Tran, J. Allen, R. Bruss, H. Burden, M. McMahan, M. Brooks, G. Williams, D. Marin-Smith, T. Tye, L. Brupbacher, P. Caston, D. Skannal, K. To, R. Coronado

AGENDA

August 29, 2016

- **Celebrations**

Ms. To is now a part of the appraisal team. Her lens were on target during calibration walkthroughs. Good job!

Kindergarten reported that this year they noticed less crying from students at the beginning of school year; more instruction is taking place.

- **Attendance**

Attendance goal this year is 98%. Attendance trackers/dashboard states that we are at 99%. It was noted that we increased our ADA significantly last school year and want to continue the momentum. Ms. Caston has asked that all classroom teachers post their daily attendance. We have several students who show an attendance average of 96% within the first week of school. There have been a few students coming to the nurse's office with stomach aches. Please encourage those students to stay in class. There are some students that only want to go home.

Addressed changes in bell times: Start time: 7:40 am; Tard Bell: 7:45 am; Dismissal: 3:00 pm. Start time was changed from 7:45 am to 7:40 to ensure requirement of 440 instructional minutes.

- **Enrollment**

Our enrollment projection is 825 students, as of today we have 828 students. We will receive additional funding in January 2017 for each additional student over the projected number.

- **Homeroom Counts for Capping**

Ms. Caston will submit a capping request to identify possible grade levels for capping. Classes over 22 students are: Berrios 23 students, Ward 23 students and Santana 24 students. Fifth Grade has 28 to 29 students. Ms. Caston mentioned if there is a family who is enrolling two students from the same family, for example a kindergartener and fifth grader, she will accept

family in order to increase the number of students in kindergarten. We have two kindergarten classes whose numbers are low. One class has 11 students and the other one has 14 students. Parents are continuing to enroll and we are expecting more kindergartners to enroll after Labor Day.

Addendum: As of September 1, 2016, the enrollment of the two ESL kindergarten classes are 13 and 14 students.

- **Waivers**

We have 3 waivers: Berrios 23 students, Ward 23 students and Santana 24 students. Fifth grade has from 28 to 29 students but no waiver has been put into place. Dr. Lundin stated that we should remain with the current waiver count but we can add more if there becomes a need. We can have up to 7 waivers. The district has said that we can have up to 25 students in a classroom before capping. Central Office will notify us about capping a grade level.

- **School Improvement Plan**

Ms. Wilson is a Region IV Principal Intern and Ms. Caston is her mentor. One of Ms. Wilson's projects is to work on the SIP; sharing suggestions, strategies, time frames, etc. Goals identified for this school year are to increase: STAAR Reading (grades 3-5) from 80% to 85%; STAAR Math (grades 3-5) 88% to 93%. Since we exceeded our goal in the area of Science; moving from 69% to 87%, we will not identify this area as a need. To address safety: We met our goal of decreasing the number of OSS from 33 to 25. Therefore, we will develop a new goal. Committee suggestions to obtain this measureable goal were: decrease the number of minutes it takes to exit the building during a fire drill and decrease the amount of level I and level II discipline infractions that come to the office. Committee voted unanimously that there is a need reduce the time to exit the building by rerouting classes, conducting mock drills and appointing new fire captains. SIP will be submitted to the West Area by September 9, 2016. Committee voted and agreed on goals for SY 16-17.

- **Budget Items:**

- AR**

- The cost of the Accelerated Reader program is \$7242.75 schoolwide and the cost of \$4500 is for 240 students. The grades that want AR are 1st, 2nd and 4th grade. Everyone on the grade level must participate in the program. The vote was 6 out of 9 to purchase AR.

- Addendum 8/30/16:** Second grade will use other resources such as RAZ Kids, MyOn, and Istation instead of Accelerated Reader.

- Istation**

- The cost to purchase Istation is \$4536.00 for Reading English/Spanish & Home; grades PK-2). The state is going to pay for the usage for students

in grades 3-5. Representatives for primary grades expressed in program and will utilize program to address skills such as comprehension and fluency. If purchased all classrooms on the grade level must participate. The vote was 7 out of 9 to purchase Istation.

- **Miscellaneous Items** N/A

Next Meeting: October 3, 2016