

Orem Elementary School Community Council

Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2014
10:45am

Attendance:

Anna Steadman-Chair	Becky Smith-parent	Melanie Holdaway-parent
Cathy Ambrose-Secretary	Laura Giles - teacher	Jennie Griffith-teacher
Rachelle Bolingbroke-Principal	Teresa Whitehead-teacher	Tiffany Williams-teacher
Leanne Olsen-Admin. Intern	Heather Stewart-teacher	Amber Robinson-teacher
Tim Stay-parent	Kirsten Harper - teacher	Terry Hodson-teacher
Sandi West-teacher	Sherri McKell - parent	

Return and Report, 6th Grade Team: Kirsten Harper, Terry Hodson, Heather Stewart

- Standards Based Assessments with Mastery Connect:
 - Mr. Hodson:
 - They use Master Connect as a team and make sure they are ready for collaboration on Monday afternoons.
 - They data collected is used to set-up the next week of flex.
 - They review questions and go over the teacher graph.
 - Re-Test for retention and eliminate the "guess" factor.
 - Will continually revisit the more abstract concepts i.e. pre-algebra to really instill the standards
 - Kirsten Harper:
 - Likes the fact they can build together and analyze together.
 - Creates a real connection for the teachers.

Will implement science at the end of this year and add reading the beginning of next year. They are waiting for the state to publish a rubric for the new curriculum.

Tim Stay: what is your perception with the robotics lab?

Hodson: too early to tell. Believes they will see the benefit shortly. It has success and failure that drives them to have more success. Teaches them group work and social skills required.

Tim Stay: what can the Community Council do to make your work more successful?

Stewart: we could use more in depth training in Master Connect

Hodson: We want someone to show us how to simplify and work more efficiently with the software.

Tim: would you like more time to revise

Hodson: it would be helpful for next year after the new rubric is presented

Anna Steadman: Lakeridge is interested in vertical alignment with OES.

Stewart: We need vertical alignment within the school.

Teachers thanked SCC for Mastery Connect. It has been positive for the kids

Return and Report, Kindergarten Team: Tiffany Williams, Amber Robinson

- Was able to use the time funded by the SCC to collaborate and create common assessments with "Go Math "
- Will do the second half of the assessments after Mrs. Baumgartner returns from the birth of her premature baby.
- Amber went to the National Reading Recovery Conference in Ohio. She saw how it is being applied in the classroom and was able to share with the kindergarten team. Made the standards seem achievable

Welcome - Anna Steadman

Laura Giles: Second Grade

- Chose two students to reach benchmark. One has already had a year and a half progress in half a year and reached the goal. The others are real close and they were able to take another struggling reader to help improve
- Tim asked if they have what they need to proceed. Laura Giles said with their assessments they have what they need.

Jennie Griffith: First Grade

- Saw huge improvements with the second assessment. Working on math fluency with addition and subtraction. Those using the math wizard has been showing great improvement.
- Rachelle Bollingbroke: Math Wizard was developed by first grade to help the kids delve into self discovery

Anna Steadman: Is that "drill" continuing to second grade.

Laura: Yes. We continue it through second grade

STEM Robotics

- Fox 13 came and did a story on the program and did an interesting story.
- We are working out the learning curve
- Budget: short up to \$3000 because we included all the kids in the 5th in 6th grade to get a better understanding on how the program helps all the demographics.
- Tim Stay proposes we set aside up to \$3000 for STEM. Teresa Whitehead seconds the motion. Voting was unanimous.

Vertical Alignment: Anna Steadman

Vertical alignment with the junior highs, schools are waiting for state rubric.

Tim: the vertical alignment for junior highs should be funded by the district SCC.

Writing Workshop: Rachelle Bollingbroke

Brad Wilcox writing workshop. Coming up in March

Budget Review: Anna Steadman

\$7700 remaining

CTL (Curriculum Team Leader) training:

Full day training. Will need 8 subs.

Tim Stay proposes \$900. Becky Smith seconds the motion. Voting was unanimous.

CERT Training: the school has 4 cert trained employees and a few who are first aid trained.

SAGE Testing: Rachelle Bollingbroke:

SAGE has an online training test, will send out emails and mention URL in the newsletter. Plan on year-end scores dropping 20% as part of the transition. It is an adaptive test with no time limits. Since SAGE will be unreliable to measure our School Improvement Plan, it has been decided they will be based on common assessments

Adjourned: 11:50