

Minutes from Community Council February 15th, 2017 at 1:15 P.M.

Attending: Rachelle Merrill, Kaylynn Schick, Bonnie Crook, Hilarie Rueckert, Alicia Dovenbarger, Nicole Ellis, and Julie Lundell (representing Chris Laypath).

Excused: Chris Laypath

Visiting: Carrie Beckman (parent)

Mrs. Ellis reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting.

Mrs. Lundell shared the DIBELS and SRI data and the growth it shows at this point in the year.

The Council looked at the School Improvement Goals menu that the district will have for us to use when working on the School Improvement Plan this spring.

The council discussed different measurement sources for testing that might be available to show growth. They also, discussed ways to educate parents about their myDSD account and the students test results found there.

The council discussed ways that Language Arts could be supported next year both with goals and funding. Mrs. Crook expressed a desire to have more aides help struggling students. Mrs. Schick explained how technology could be used as a tool. Mrs. Ellis expressed a desire to find a program or activity that would encourage a love of reading. Mrs. Crook explained how some grades are using "Book Adventures" to provide an element of goal-setting for reading.

Mrs. Schick talked about some technology needs in the school, particularly adding another Ipad lab.

Mrs. Beckman, expressed a desire to have a more meaningful Kindergarten Preview event. As a new parent to the school experience, she said it would have been helpful to have more information provided at that event. The council talked about some different ways to structure the evening that would allow for that as well as some ideas of what might be helpful for parents to learn.

The council talked about volunteers in the school and discussed ways to increase volunteering. The parents on the council expressed that they have a more positive volunteer experience when they feel like the time they are spending is meaningful. They prefer not to do things that kids could do for themselves and like to feel like their time is being spent to make a difference for the kids.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30