

Rich Pond Elementary Site-Based Decision Making Council
SBDM Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2020 - 4:00pm
library

Attendance:

Jan Casada (chair)	X
Joe Patterson	X
Stephanie Krohn	X

Emily Gray	X
Jordan White	X
Jenny DeJarnette	X

Maggie Smith, 5th grade teacher, was present.

See attached sign-in list of in-person visitors.

Virtual attendees were also present.

Opening Business

1. Approve Agenda - Motion to approve by JW; seconded by JP. All in favor.
2. Approve Minutes from 10/22 and 11/06 - Motion to approve by JP; seconded by JW. All in favor.
3. Good News Reports -
 - a. Students are showing success in both the hybrid and virtual models.
 - b. Mrs. Leah Goebel and Mrs. Heather Kirtley received Golden Apple Awards for the exemplary service.
 - c. Despite multiple staff quarantining, productivity of the school has not missed a beat.
4. Comments on Approved Agenda Items
 - a. Public comments addressed the EL curriculum that is new to RPES this year.
 - i. Concern was stated over the lack of variety in literature selections and the use of the UDHR document in 5th grade reading instruction.
 - ii. Concern was stated over a video that has ties to the Church of Scientology.
 - iii. Concern was stated that the EL curriculum in general seems to be politically driven and too heavily focused on human rights and social justice.
 - iv. Concern was stated that a curriculum was being "snuck in" due to lack of work sent home and homework.
 - v. Concern was stated that insufficient support has been provided to teachers from the superintendent and district coaches.
 - vi. Support was expressed for both the teachers' efforts to follow the curriculum with fidelity.
 - vii. Support was expressed for the curriculum, citing the conversations and thought-provoking ideas presented, including those social justice.

New Business

1. Presentation of Budget Reports - Motion to approve the budget reports by JP; seconded by EG. All in favor.

2. Approve Final Title I Budget for 20-21 - Motion to approve the final Title I budget for 20-21 by EG; seconded by JP. All in favor.
3. Approve SBDM Certification Form for Budget 20-21 - Motion to approve the SBDM Certification Form for Budget 20-21 by JW; seconded by EG. All in favor.
4. Approve CSIP for 20-21 - Motion to approve the 20-21 CSIP by JP; seconded by JW. All in favor.
5. Curriculum Updates and Information - Mrs. Casada shared appreciation for comments and involvement from visitors. Mr. Marr shared confidence in RPES teachers that while content is being taught, there is no hidden agenda. Transparency is important, as we value the participation and relationships of our families. Trust between teachers and parents is valuable to us all.
 - a. District EL Flex Pacing Guide
 - i. It is agreed that changes can be made to the EL curriculum.
 - b. EL Work Update
 - i. Meetings have already been set up, and more will follow, with district curriculum personnel to discuss adjustments that can be made.
 - c. Kentucky Academic Standards
 - i. Standards are demanding, and this EL curriculum is not meant to replace the Social Studies curriculum. The process of altering the curriculum must be accompanied with the assurance that standards are still effectively implemented.
6. Read to Achieve and Math Achievement Grants status
 - a. The state of Kentucky has approved the Read to Achieve and Math Achievement Grants for another school year.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by JP; seconded by EG. All in favor.

Chairman

Date

Secretary

Date

E. Gray

1/25/21

