

**NATCHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
SCHOOL BASED DECISION MAKING COUNCIL**

**Monday, September 18, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.**

**The purpose of this council is to improve every student's achievement.**

The William H. Natcher Elementary School Based Decision Making Council met today via video conference. Those in attendance were: Matt Thornhill, Ellen Buselmeier, Miranda Stewart, Lisa Flynn, and Megan Ormon. Kesia Jorgensen was not in attendance. Principal Matt Thornhill opened the session.

**Approved Minutes**

**Agenda**

**Virtual Meeting <https://meet.google.com/qsd-dfue-ixu?authuser=0>**

**1. Opening Business**

**A. Agenda Approval**

-Mrs. Buselmeier motioned to approve the agenda, Mrs. Flynn seconded, all members voted and the agenda passed.

**B. Review of Minutes**

**a. August 21**

-Mrs. Flynn motioned to approve the minutes, Mrs. Stewart seconded, all members voted and the agenda passed.

**C. Good News Report**

- Morning Meeting
- Kindergarten House Sorting
- Kindergarten EL Night
- 6th Grade Field Trip
- Teacher PLC Day
- High Attendance Day

**D. Public Comment**

**2. Reports**

Mr. Thornhill reviewed with the SBDM Council the following reports:

**A. Budget**

- a. ESSER 3 closeout - Mr. Thornhill shared that he used these funds to purchase new furniture for the tent area and to help the music program with a new piano.

**B. FRC Report**

- a. Mr. Thornhill reviewed the FRC report for September.

**C. Positive Instructional Discipline**

- a. Mr. Thornhill reported that the PBIS+ team met on Wednesday. HERE is the agenda with talking points.

**D. Response to Intervention/ Extension**

- a. Mr. Thornhill reported that teachers met Wednesday to study students' progress via the FastBridge assessment. Teachers determined which students needed additional intervention in which areas. Teachers are

working to provide intervention to students who are not pulled out as a T2 and T3 student. In addition, we identified students who will need a Senate Bill 9 Reading Intervention Plan. We began the process of identifying the interventions that will take place for those select students.

### **3. Old Business**

Mr. Thornhill reviewed with the following SBDM Council and no changes were made at this time:

#### **A. Natcher Elementary By-Law Review:**

##### **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

###### **A. COMPOSITION**

1. The school council shall consist of the principal, three teacher members, and two parent members. The principal shall serve as the chairperson.
2. If the school's total minority enrollment reaches 8 percent or more minority students enrolled as of October, and there was no minority elected in the initial elections, a special election shall be conducted by the PTO to elect a minority parent to serve on the school council.
3. In the event a special election is needed, the teachers shall elect a minority teacher from the school's staff. If there are no minority teachers on staff at the school, the teachers shall elect a non-minority teacher to represent the interest of the minority students in the school.
4. If there is a minority teacher on staff and he or she does not wish to serve on the council, the seat shall remain vacant until filled by a minority teacher.

#### **B. Natcher Elementary Policy Review:**

##### **2. STUDENT ASSIGNMENT**

It is the policy of Natcher Elementary School to assign students to classes heterogeneously. All regular classes are to be as evenly balanced as possible based on the following:

- Number of boys and girls
- Minority or non-minority students
- Students having I. E. P.s. (Individual Education Plan)
- Students for whom English is a second language
- Students who require remediating or other special assistance
- Students who are high, average, or low achieving

Teachers input regarding assignment of students is provided at the end of each school year. The rosters are based on the variables listed above and other pertinent information.

Students who enroll during the summer will be assigned to classes based on class size with consideration to variables listed above.

**4. New Business**

**a. ESS Plan**

- Natcher ESSProgramPlanFY24
- Natcher ESSFY24Budget

-Mrs. Ormon motioned to approve the ESS Plan, Mrs. Buselmeier seconded, all members voted and the ESS plan was approved.

b. We are starting back with our Community Council meetings and the first one is on Tuesday, September 19th at Warren East High School. Here are a few quick reminders:

- We start at 8:00 AM in the library with some refreshments courtesy of our amazing Nutrition and Dining Department
- The meeting itself will start at 8:30
- Community Council dates throughout the year are: (9/19 WEHS, 12/7 GHS, 2/21 SWHS, 4/17 WCHS)

**5. Next meeting date will be October 16th at 4:00**

Matt Dine                      10/16/23  
Chairperson/Principal                      Date

Nichole W. Lander                      10/16/23  
Secretary                      Date