



## SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

December 15, 2023

**Members Present:** J. McIntosh, J. Garrison, L. Hicks, G. Arronte, J. Saulinksas, T. Bird, A. Martin

### Not Present:

**1. Call to Order – 8:35**

- a. Tiffany Bird made a motion to Call to Order and Aletia Martin seconded that motion.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Presentation by ILS, Lori Smith, regarding CCSD Literacy Focus**

- a. Smith shared CCSD Literacy Goals and Initiatives that align with new state laws and standards.
- b. Teachers are completing professional development on the science of reading and phonemic awareness and how to implement that in the classroom with students.
- c. At Knox, teachers and students are goal setting to drive and differentiate small group, individualized instruction.
- d. Knox received a donation for additional resources to support these literacy initiatives.
- e. These initiatives and skills are being integrated into Science and Social Studies, as well.
- f. Garrison spoke about what that looks like in her classroom at the first-grade level.

**4. Mid-Year Data Share**

- a. Smith shared Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grades level Risk Analysis through Easy CBM Benchmark Testing. She explained how benchmark testing help address student needs and identify those that might need early interventions. From fall to winter benchmarks, we are seeing increases and gains.

- b. Math benchmark testing, through iReady Math, results for all grades, were shared with the new math standards. These results are like those of the ELA benchmark.
- c. Questions were asked about differentiation to meet the variety of academic needs of all students. She explained that small group instruction is when the focus is on those individual needs and that during weekly PLC meetings, data is disaggregated, and acceleration and intervention plans are created.

**5. Attendance Concerns**

- a. Attendance has taken a dip in the past couple of years, but attendance has huge impacts on learning and educational success.
- b. A discussion on the number of students with 10 or more absences took place, as well as possible action steps to educate our parent community on the importance of consistent attendance.

**6. New Business**

- a. We will continue to discuss attendance at our next meeting.
- b. Our next meeting will be February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Adjournment - 9:48**

- a. Gabe Arronte made a motion to adjourn, and Julie Saulinskas seconded the motion.