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MINUTES OF ESSER COMMITTEE
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48
TEAMS MEETING
Date: MARCH 2, 2023, Time: 3:30 PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm.

Attendance

Present: Dr. Karen Benson, Mrs. Nancy Matheson, Ms. Kelly Goar, Ms. Sara Johnson, Mrs. Alice Spingola

Information/Discussion and Possible Action

1. Review of ESSER - Information/Discussion

Notes: Reviewed the committee's work in 2021/22. Discussed the proposals that were approved by the committee.

2 ESSER 2023-2024 Discussion - Information/Discussion or Possible Action Item

Discussed the funding of social workers who have been funded through our ESSER School Safety grant. The grant is ending this year. The committee discussed the implications of funding the social workers using ESSER III funds. The social workers have been a great support for students. Teachers have been able to collaborate with the social workers to and I think it is important to remember that our teachers also need support from a skilled social worker. Whether that help comes by way of identify students who are having trouble focusing on their work because home life is turbulent, or because the teacher needs social support, too. I see the effort to have the funding for these positions as an effort in teacher retention, too. KG

A motion was made to reallocate some ESSER III funds in order to provide funding for no more than 6 social workers.

Vote Count: 5 in favor of using ESSER III funds for no more than 6 social workers.

3. FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS/COMMENTS - Information/Discussion or Possible Action Item

A comment was made regarding the benefits experienced by having reading specialists in the building. Additional comments were in agreement and expressed the hope that these specialists may continue.

An additional comment was made regarding the math specialists. The high school has seen a need for a content expert to provide support to students experiencing difficulty in math.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm

Dated this day : March 7, 2023

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