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School Improvement Council Meeting Notes

November 7, 2023

3:15 pm

- Welcome
- Approval of Minutes - approved
- Principal's Report
 - 1419 students, 6 more than our last meeting in October - over district projection, classroom sizes are still within appropriate ratios
 - Moved kindergarten teacher to third due to allocations
 - Instructional coach promoted to assistant principal
 - Teacher promoted to instructional coach
 - Parent teacher conferences have been taking place with a good turnout of parents
 - Boosterthon has been a great success; finishing up fundraising and giving out prizes this week
 - Awards Ceremony for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade is November 8th



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- Veterans Day Ceremony is November 10th with a performance from the Honor Choir
- Principal for a Day with a community member on November 14th
- PTO is helping with a Thanksgiving meal for staff next week as well a treat for teachers this Friday, November 10th
- Winter Benchmark testing begins November 28th for DIBELS and MAP testing
- Technology Fair Informational Meeting on November 28th at 5:30
- Interims for 2nd Quarter November 30th
- PTO Report
 - Trunk or Treat had a great turnout - 16 staff trunks, 7 business/family
 - Boosterthon - met goal and will be going forward with beginning the second phase of playground
 - Sweet Treat for Teachers on Friday, November 10th
 - Volunteer Sign up went out for Thanksgiving meal prep
 - Family Movie Nights on December 5th and 7th - Lemons and Dough will be there for one night, looking for a second vendor



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- Spirit Store is open until November 16th and will be delivered before Christmas break
- Review School Report Card
 - We have met a lot of the benchmarks that we set in our 5-year School Renewal Plan
 - Student achievement is strong; above the district average
 - Report card is available online on the SC Department of Education website
 - Science score is above the district average, but was a drop from previous year.
 - Question on why is math typically lower than reading and what is being done for that? Since the pandemic math scores have been lower; some foundational skills are missing. The district purchased an intervention program for math as well as extra funding for teachers to purchase manipulatives and other math resources. Math intervention is an area of focus too.
 - Multilingual Learners score is above district and state average (currently have 5 ML teachers working with approximately 180 students)



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- As a school, we are looking to set rigorous goals so that we can show more of the achievement growth. Special education students are still expected to reach high expectations from a state level even though they have IEPs. We have begun implementing co-teaching in classrooms, and special education teachers are teaching modified lessons based on grade-level standards.
- Generate Ideas for School Improvement Council Focus for 2023-2024
 - School Garden - science/math standards
 - Available to all grades
 - Could be an after-school club
 - Look at Lowe’s Hardware for a Garden Grant
 - Do a penny drive to raise funds for it
 - Parent Volunteers in the cafeteria?
 - Possibly look at doing this during breakfast first - consistency is very important to ensure coverage
- Questions/Concerns
 - Finding a way to get more parent volunteers, and having a way that is easier for parents to know there is a volunteer opportunity out



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- Library Committee
 - Includes an admin, staff member, instructional coach, librarian, and 4 parent volunteers - we need 4 parent volunteers for this
 - Meet when new purchases come up and review the titles based on district guidelines
- Any other ideas, bring to next meeting
- Adjourned at 4:47

