## PITTSBURGH STERRETT CLASSICAL ACADEMY

# TITLE 1/PSCC MEETING October 14, 2024



# 10:00am Sterrett Library

### Minutes

Ms. Latif opened the meeting by explaining that Being a Title I school means receiving federal funding to supplement the school's existing programs. Title 1 Funds can be used to pay for staff, supplemental programs, and parent involvement meetings. In school wide programs all students are considered Title1 students, and all parents are considered Title1 parents Sterrett is a School Wide Title 1 Program. Sterrett has no designation which means we are not considered either high or low achieving.

Ms. Fulton passed out and discussed the Parent & Family Engagement Policy which communicates how the school will involve parents in an organized, ongoing and timely way in the planning, reviewing and improvement of the Title I program at the school and the Home School Compact which describes the responsibilities of the school, the parents and the students for improved student achievement. Any suggested revisions will be made during the PSCC meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The school improvement plan was given to parents, they were informed that if they were interested in helping to update the plan to contact Dr. Holly.

Ms. Fulton also let parents know that they had the right to:

- Know how PFI Funds were spent.
- Know the qualifications of your child's teacher and any instructional paraprofessionals that work with your child. As well as the right to request information about assessments.
  - A letter was sent from the District in September 2024 explaining how to request this information. If a non-certified teacher instructs your student for four or more weeks a letter will be sent home on an as needed basis.
- To request opportunities to meet regularly with school staff to make suggestions and to participate in decisions relating to the education of their child.
- To participate in decisions affecting your child.
- To review the application for Title I and make suggestions, this opportunity occurs at the EFA meeting in the spring.

Ms. Fulton went over how to volunteer in the district for the parents.

Ms. Wilkins and Ms. King let parents know that students are using My Perspectives curriculum, IXL and Dreambox, this year.

Ms. Johnson and Ms. Garland explained what illustrative math is and that teachers are using Illustrative Mathematics workbooks, Dreambox, and IXL.

Ms. Weatherspoon, talked about the Science teachers using Carolina Scientific and also IXL

Mr. Ogg and Mr. Tyler explained the Social Studies books the teachers are using are 6<sup>th</sup> grade Eastern Hemisphere, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Western Hemisphere and 8<sup>th</sup> grade American Journey.

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Ms. Koos went over Student Performance Data Sterrett students have shown an increase of the Percentage of Proficient and Advanced students in ELA, Math, and Science and a decrease in the Percentage of Below Basic of students in those same areas since the 2021-2022 school year.

Ms. Bautz and Ms. Stumpp talked about the PSE programs Ms. Stumpp talked about the autistic support classroom and Ms. Bautz talked about the push in services and small group services that are provided for students.

Ms. Culler talked about attendance, you let parents know that the district is addressing chronic absenteeism and that all parents would be receiving letters from the everyday labs with the total number of absences that their students have. Ms. Culler also discussed the Student Assistance Program (SAP) and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS).

Ms. Hammond explained Starrett's PBIS Rewards program students earn points for following our G.R.O.W.L. Matrix which stands for Greatness, Respect, On Task, Wisdom, Leadership, in all areas in the building all staff members can award points to students. PBIS Rewards Points can be redeemed for merchandise in our school store, field trips, dances, and other activities throughout the school year. Teachers use the PBIS Rewards system for student discipline referrals, and CICO.

Ms. Johnson reminded parents that Sterrett teachers and staff communicate with families using Talking Points, Blackboard Connect (robo calls) and by e-mail and requested that they please make sure that the information that we have on file is kept updated.

Ms. King thanked everyone for coming and invited them to visit their children's teachers for their parents' teachers' conferences.