

Piney Woods Elementary School
School Improvement Council

Meeting Minutes

December 3rd, 2024

Welcome

Approval of Minutes

Principal's Report

- MAP Reading and Math discussion, tool to for teachers to use and adjust their small group instruction to meet the childrens' needs
 - Breaks down the strands for math and reading, correlates well with SC Ready test
- Discussed testing days and teaching days
- Purpose of testing is accountability, Spring MAP upcoming in March, SC Ready in May- all computer
- Children get familiar with computer skills/typing in STEM and classrooms to help take the tests on the computers
- Light up the Woods 12/5- Polar Express, Santa, Grinch, Elf on the Shelf, Crafts
- 12/12- First grade field trip to Jack Frost
- 12/13- District wide SIC meeting
- 12/16-12/20- Murray's Merry Market
- 12/21-1/8- Winter Break, 1/7- Teacher Work Day
- 1/11- Teacher Recruitment Fair at Irmo High School
- District discussion of budget request- facility wise- requests:
 - Canopy/cover for Kindergarten entrance and exit
 - Light replacements
 - Blinds for interior windows
 - A- Team awning cover

PTO Update- TBD

Old Business

- Donations for teachers are tax write offs, chair to email PTO President for info
- # of staff- 85, Tuesday afternoons- 50 teachers for meetings- first Tuesday of each month

Community Partners Update

- Nikki Chapin Baptist- Vulnerable families, needing CPS to come in- ministry can come in and help and give additional support
- Emotional support group for foster moms
- Good News club starts back end of Feb
- We Care needs list- food, toiletries, hygiene items
- 12/13- ICRC- Senior Goodwill brunch, partner with Irmo High for senior citizens- district choir entertainment, students serve the seniors
- Fun Friday- 4th-6th graders- music, games, etc

- **Open Discussion**
 - Monthly PAC meeting, need someone to attend each month if possible- PTO and SIC representative- discuss updates, etc – next one 12/10
 - 12/14- Chapin Old Timey Christmas- Beaufort Street

- **Adjourn**

Next Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 14th 2025