

SBLT Meeting via Microsoft Teams

December 22, 2020

Members in Attendance: Zimmerman (Principal), Jennings (TA), Bostick (Kindergarten), Hance (First), Ventus (Second), Freeman (Third), Young (Fourth), Miller (Fifth), Cyrus (Specialist), Almstead (EC), Jackson (Treasurer), Sherrill (CF)

Meeting Start Time: 2:50 p.m.

Review of Minutes from November 24, 2020: the minutes were approved by a show of hands.

Title 1 Workbook Meeting 12/04/2020: Mr. Zimmerman and Mrs. Jackson met with the Title 1 Committee and provided an update of the allocation of Title 1 funds.

1. Four portable speaker systems have been purchased (one was used during the Virtual Holiday Dance). The speaker systems can be utilized for outdoor classroom teaching.
2. Requested STEM activity items are in progress
3. Student headsets
4. Decodable Readers
5. Six MacBook Airs for EC teachers, CFs, Media Specialist, AP
6. The School-Parent/Family Compact 2020-2021 flyer is at the print shop. A copy will be emailed to staff and posted on the school's website. School compact agreement to be sent home with report cards.

Admin. Updates: Cohorts

1. Mr. Zimmerman outlined special cohorts meant to build leadership capacity and value input.

2. Teacher Assistants (Classified Employees) Cohort facilitated by Jennings and Stewart.
3. Teachers (Certified Staff) who are new to Simkins facilitated by Penner and Moore-Massey.
4. New cohorts forming in January include:
 - a. Staff members with children at Simkins and/or other schools in the GCS system. Facilitator to be determined.
 - b. Parent Engagement Team facilitated by Cole, Young, Mittman, Wooten

Parent Engagement-Mr. Zimmerman:

1. Black History Museum Family Night Virtual Event is scheduled for Thursday, February 25.
2. STEM Night Virtual Event on March 25 will be the official launch for moving Simkins toward a STEM curriculum. This will be a virtual hands-on event for families to use STEM materials provided by the school. Families will be encouraged to share photos of the event for the school website.
3. There was low family participation for the Kindergarten virtual family night in November, as well as the 5th grade virtual family night in December. Mr. Zimmerman stressed that feedback is extremely important in determining how we can build on grade-level parent meetings.
4. There is still a need for parent representatives on the SBLT. Two parents have expressed an interest. Mr. Zimmerman would like 2-4 parent representatives.
5. Mr. Zimmerman has contacted Ms. Mittman about a Virtual Career Fair in the spring.

Grade Level Concerns/Questions

None presented. The meeting ended at 3:14 p.m.

