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## School Improvement Council December 17, 2024 Minutes

<p><b>Ex-Officio Members Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mabra Wayman</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Lewis</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Lucas</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Zorn</li> </ul>	<p><b>Members Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aimee-Ann Benson</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Alaina Williams</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Chelsea Beauchamp</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Morris</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Griffith</li> </ul>	<p><b>Members Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica McCreary</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Sloan</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenn Brown</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Owens</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kate Haynes</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zoë Maurer</li> </ul>
<p><b>Others in Attendance:</b>          Nikki Gossett - Interventionist,          Emily Gaither - Lead Teacher</p>		

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by L. Lucas. Mrs. Lucas asked everyone to review the minutes from the November 19th meeting and let us know if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions. After a few minutes, hearing no request for changes, the minutes were approved by acclamation.

### New Business:

- **Title One Update - E. Gaither and N. Gossett**
  - Mrs. Gaither shared that as a Title 1 school we are required to have 1 meeting per year.
  - This year we are a Targeted school so we held the meeting during our Winter Festival.
  - The following was shared with parents during the meeting
    - Overview of what Title 1 is.
    - How students are selected
    - What determines if a school is Title 1
      - Percentage of pupils in poverty
      - 40% or above - full Title 1
      - Below 40% - Targeted - this is RVE5 for 2024-25

- We targeted our 1st and 5th grade students using Spring Data from the prior school year.
    - We are supporting students with academic needs in Math and Reading.
  - How Title 1 Funds are being used:
    - Extra academic interventionist - Mantel and Gossett are our Title 1 interventionist.
    - Materials to support Literacy and Math of our targeted students
    - Professional Development for Title 1 teachers
    - Family engagement and take home materials
  - Mrs. Gossett shared:
    - Shared with parents how they can help at home
      - Reading:
        - Read daily 15-20 minutes
        - Build a routine
        - Practice sight words daily
        - Discuss story after reading
      - Math
        - Focus on numbers between 0-10. Shared strategies such as Friends of 10.
        - Play games
        - Count items
        - Practice basic skills:
          - Number recognition
          - Use real life examples to practice addition/subtraction
          - Use items (buttons, cereal, popsicle sticks)
  - Mrs. Gaither shared the information Mrs. Mantel shared with parents about what she does with the students and what they can do to help.
    - Mrs. Mantel taught the families a game to play to help with multiplication
- Mrs. Gaither answered questions:
  - Mrs. Maurer - wanted to know what happens to new students
  - Mrs. Gaither shared that is one of the cons. Since we don't have prior year's data, they would not be in the "targeted" group but they would be served by other interventionist in the building (Gummo, McCreary, Walters, Atkinson)

- Mrs. Lucas shared that we also look at any data sent from the other school and we give a new student STAR Reading and Math when they start with us to get a baseline.
- Mrs. Maurer asked how the poverty level is decided?
  - Mrs. Gaither shared we use the poverty index that looks at household income and other data such as free & reduced lunch. The poverty index is set by the State.
- **Winter Festival Update - N. Zorn**
  - Largest event we have pulled off - GREAT turnout
  - Great PTO group that pulled together and made it happen
  - It was a free event - not a fundraiser. PTO's goal was to break even which they did with the craft vendor fee.
  - Sent email to vendors letting them know to bring a Hotspot as the internet was spotty in the hallways and common areas.
  - If we do this event again, we would like to have it before Thanksgiving so we can put more events outside.
  - Planned this event in about 6 weeks.. Now we have a better understanding of what we want to do so next year will be even better.
- **Feedback from Winter Festival**
  - Lucas - people needing Wi-fi definitely need to be outdoors for better connection.
  - Morris - funneling through the library and then hall was a little confusing at first. However, the Book Fair brought in around \$3,000.00 just during the Winter Festival.
  - Brown - before Thanksgiving may be a little early for the Chorus to be ready.
  - Zorn - it's only a week before the Christmas parade so it would be good practice.
- **Questions/Concerns**
  - Mrs. Lucas shared that the school counselors will share their work at the meeting in January; April's meeting will be about testing and our Report Card Data; May - planning for next year.
  - Still looking for ideas for February and March - if you have an idea, please share with Mrs. Lucas via e-mail.
  - N. Zorn - shared that she really likes the changes made with how people are allowed to enter the building.

- Mrs. Lucas thanked everyone for the feedback.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be January 21 at 2:30 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.