MINUTES
James B. McMillan Elementary School
School Organizational Team Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2025
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

School Organizational Team Members present:

Cheri Griggs	Debra Kramer
Nikki Longmore	Vanessa Mena
Luis Perez	Robyn Scheib
Sabrina Torres	

Minutes from the meetings held on December 12, 2024 were approved by a majority of the SOT team with no changes and posted to the school website.

OLD BUSINESS

1.1 We do not have an update on filling the vacant parent seat. Our Family Liaison has reached out to several parents who were interested in the fall but are now no longer interested or available.

2.1 Mrs. Longmore updated us on the school's chronic absenteeism rate. It currently stands at 26%, which is on trend with last year as we usually see an increase after break. She reminded the SOT that 20 unverified absences trigger the "next step," which is Educational Neglect charges with CPS. She also reported that we currently have 4 students/families in the TPOP program, which is a truancy diversion program. According to NV state law, students who miss 10% of the school year can be retained based upon attendance alone, at the discretion of the principal.

NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Mrs. Longmore gave an extensive presentation on how our K-5 students did on the Winter MAP assessments, including growth and achievement comparisons to the Fall Benchmark. The administrative team will be working with teachers throughout the building to identify ways to improve student achievement as MAP performance closely mirrors SBAC performance, which influences our school's Star rating and is a good indicator of how well students will perform in middle school. Mrs. Longmore further explained that the Read by Grade 3 law (SB 391 - 2015 and AB 289 - 2019) says that schools are required to prepare student learning plans for students below the proficiency mark in MAP Reading. The law also states that students who are not reading proficiently by the end of grade 3 will be retained. The laws put a pause on the retention part of the law, but it is expected to be put into operation in the next few years (2026-2028 school years).

PUBLIC COMMENTS NONE

Meeting was adjourned at 4:59PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 13, 2025. The meeting link will be posted on ClassDojo and on the school website.