Summary

Terence Smith called the meeting to order and approved the previous minutes, then Timothy Carnahan provided a mid-year review of the school work plan, reporting on progress toward goals in reading and math, noting challenges such as a dip in math placement improvement and the need for specific plans for 148 students in reading and about 150 in math showing low typical growth. Facility updates were discussed, including new camera and smartboard installations, and changes to the playground; Katie Clampitt provided PTO updates, announcing the next meeting on January 21st and upcoming events. Terence Smith initiated a discussion on the annual School Improvement Council (SIC) project, leading to ADRIENNE DODGE's suggestion to involve teachers, and Katie McKinley volunteered to create a Google survey for staff input, which the council agreed to proceed with.

Details

- **Meeting called to order and minutes approval** Terence Smith called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM (00:00:00). The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as distributed, as there were no corrections (00:03:29).
- **School Work Plan Mid-Year Review - Reading and ELA** Timothy Carnahan provided a mid-year review of the school work plan and goals (00:03:29). For the first goal in reading, focused on the percentage of students improving placement, 58% of students had improved their placement by mid-year, with the goal being to exceed 76% by the end of the year (00:04:54). Regarding typical growth in reading (at least one year's growth), the median progress toward typical growth was 90% at mid-year, which is an improvement over the 82% recorded at the same time last year (00:07:38).
- **School Work Plan Mid-Year Review - Math and Subgroups** In math, the goal is to exceed last year's 82% for the percentage of students improving placement (00:07:38). Currently, the school is at 50% placement improvement, down from 54% at the same time last year, which Timothy Carnahan attributed partly to the new curriculum progression that delays the teaching of decimals (00:08:50). For

typical growth in math, the current progress is 65%, slightly below last year's 68% at this time. The identified subgroups for typical growth are special education for reading, currently at 88% progress, and multilingual learners for math, currently at 71% progress (00:10:09).

- **Student Pulse Check and Use of Data** The school uses an in-house "pulse check" survey for students and teachers to mirror the state survey and gather data mid-year for potential adjustments before the state-mandated survey in April (00:11:22). The window for this internal survey is January 21st through the 30th (00:12:33). Timothy Carnahan noted that despite overall good data, 148 students in reading and about 150 in math were below 20% typical growth, with 89 in math showing no growth, prompting a challenge to teachers to develop specific plans for these students (00:14:52). The "Mustang Roundup," involving service providers and teachers, is being utilized to create individualized plans for students needing additional growth (00:16:18).
- **Facility Updates - Technology and Security** The school is receiving significant facility updates, including the installation of a new state-of-the-art camera system that will enhance monitoring and safety (00:19:39). Additionally, all smartboards are being replaced with new, up-to-date models, with teacher training scheduled for the following week, and installation expected around January 26th. This technology update is a major investment by the school board (00:20:49).
- **Facility Updates - Installation Logistics and Playground** The installation of the new smartboards will require the use of the stage for storage of the 60 new boards, necessitating the closure of the cafeteria for parent-student lunch visits for approximately one week, though alternatives will be provided for important occasions (00:21:57). The current playground swings will be taken down starting January 21st, with new equipment ordered, and the goal is to have the new playground ready for use by March (00:24:19).
- **PTO Updates and Upcoming School Events** Katie Clampitt introduced themself as the interim PTO president and announced that the next PTO meeting is scheduled for January 21st, with International Night and the Booster Thawn in April as key upcoming events (00:25:35). Timothy Carnahan provided additional event dates, including the PTO's French Bingo Night on the following Friday, January 23rd, open to all families, and the opening of pre-K and kindergarten registration on January 26th (00:26:44). Miss Montgomery was noted to be

absent because they were at Lexington High School supporting an immersion night for the community (00:27:54).

- **School Improvement Council (SIC) Project Discussion** Terence Smith initiated a discussion on the SIC project, noting that they were unfamiliar with the current status (00:27:54). Timothy Carnahan explained that the SIC, an advisory council, undertakes a project each year to enhance the school, with the PTO providing funding, citing previous projects like installing field benches and reading hammocks (00:29:15). Past project ideas included picnic tables and a disc golf course, with the typical PTO budget for the SIC project being around $1,500 (00:35:55).
- **SIC Project Idea Generation and Teacher Feedback** ADRIENNE DODGE suggested involving teachers in generating ideas for the SIC project, possibly through a survey, and also considering enhancing the new technology being installed (00:31:35). Katie McKinley offered to create a Google survey form to solicit input from the teaching staff on potential projects. The council agreed to proceed with Katie McKinley creating and distributing the survey to the staff (00:33:37) (00:38:15).
- **Next Meeting and Adjournment** The next meeting is scheduled for February 19th at 4:30 PM, both virtually and in the library . The meeting was adjourned by Terence Smith .

Suggested next steps

- ☐ Katie McKinley will create a Google survey form for the teaching staff to get ideas for a school improvement project and share it with the committee.
- ☐ Timothy Carnahan will report out the data from the pulse survey to the committee, hopefully before the next meeting in February.