

Columbia Elementary
School Community Council Meeting
Monday, January 22, 2018
4:00-5:00 PM

Attendees: Tiffany Southworth, Parent; Sara Vest, Parent; Krisse Prestwich, Parent; Angie Drope, Teacher Specialist; Amy Price, Parent; Kathe Riding, Principal; Suzette Johnson, Teacher Specialist

Agenda Items

Approve Minutes: Tiffany Southworth motioned to approve the minutes. Sara Vest seconded, all in favor – minutes approved.

Title One:

- We've had successful Cottage Nights for grades K-3. Described upcoming Cottage Nights for grades 4-6. Kathe described the work that is happening in PLCs and how they are run: teachers review data and adjust instruction, based on the data. Teachers are discussing ways to increase student test scores through effective Tier 1 instruction.
- Our school report card grade was discussed.
- Columbia had 20 new teachers last year (only 7 teachers stayed), they left because they did not want to be a turn around school.
- If we have a school grade of an F again (2 years in a row) the state will take over and restructure the school.
- SAGE proficiencies for 2016-2017 were: ELA – 27%, Math – 21%, SCI – 24%
- We are in our 2nd year of Comprehensive Math Instruction (CMI). This math instruction includes deeper questioning.
- 50% of the 3rd – 6th grade are proficient in writing.
- Journeys reading program is closely aligned with the SAGE rigor.
- Our school demographics are Hispanic – 52% and ELL 23%
- Mrs. Riding's boss comes once a week to help guide our school.
- Our school focus is Tier 1 instruction.
- Last summer we sent home "summer slide" bags that included a novel or book, a notebook, handwriting practice, flash cards, and a math practice book.

Ways to use the Land Trust money:

- Our Family Learning Center could do a newcomer's class
- Our Mommy and Me preschool class is helping students and parents navigate being a student/parent in school.
- Students that are ELL are receiving instruction by an EL endorsed teacher, which is accountable for the ELL students and their progress.
- Our RtI teacher is servicing a majority of our EL students. The students are in groups based on

skill/mastery.

After much discussion, it was suggested to:

Keep the Rtl teacher, with an emphasis on ELL student needs. Add ELL training to the required P.D days at the start of the school year so the teachers are more prepared and focused on progress.

We will vote at the March meeting.

Safety:

-Krisse Prestwich gave information for the crisis hotline phone number. Gave a brief description of services available through the Intervention for Child Welfare from Juvenile Justice System.

-There are several parents who are very concerned about our two first grade students that are constantly in crisis at school.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:48pm

Next meeting March 12, 2018 4p – 5p