

Rosman Elementary School-School Improvement Team
May 1, 2017

Open Session Minutes

The RES School Improvement Team met at 3:30 p.m. in the school library. Team members present included Co-Chairs Laura Sullivan and Debby Masengill, Tammy Buckner, Jessica Ammons, Anna Poteat, Scott Strickler, Stephanie Bell, Karen Brown, Allyssa Miller, Crystal Whitman, Laura Russo

A link to the agenda can be found [here](#).

- Stephanie Bell counted the Leader in Me votes. The final vote was 42 votes in support, 0 votes no. Scott will begin exploring financing this summer.
- Reading 3D - general information: Scott, Crystal, and other administrators met with a Reading 3D representative recently. After a review of the data, RES is leading the county in reading proficiency and completing progress monitoring fidelity when compared to the other elementary schools.
- Scheduling discussion for next year: First grade wanted a timetable, will schedule on own. All other grade levels requested a general “skeleton” and will plug in science, social studies, etc. Peggy Bayne has requested that 3-5 have a 45 minutes library time once a week. Specials would like a five minute block between classes. Special teachers are having to bring back students instead of the classroom teachers picking up as scheduled leaving no time between groups and other teachers waiting. EC also needs to schedule some “paperwork” time to help. Laura S. suggested that media center time be scheduled back-to-back with specials so teachers can have some extended planning once a week. Lunch schedules typically throw a big kink into the master schedule.
- Ideas for ‘new spaces’: Karen Brown’s room will be open. Scott suggests that it become an “educational theater”, used for meetings, move the book nook, etc. Laura S. saw a “maker’s space” recently. Perhaps this could be another use for the room. Stephanie B. suggested using it as an after school club room. Crystal W. suggested both EC teachers share the room.
- Homework discussion: Why do we do homework? Jessica A. asks that her parents only read to her students every night. Even then, parents do not follow up. Most agree that reading should be done every night. Debbie M. uses homework for reading response. Stephanie B. gives one math question a night, two nights a week. Also gives a leveled reading response with the option of doing well on Mondays then do not have to do the rest of the week. Crystal will be reading and sharing a book about the importance of homework. Is this a philosophical discussion or have there been parental complaints about the amount of homework. Few parental complaints but many do want to know the purpose of certain types of homework: nonsense words, 3-5 sentence reading responses, etc. There are pros and cons to both sides of the question. Laura S. suggested that we can tie in Leader in Me “Put first things first” when it comes to homework accomplishment. Stephanie B. reminded us about the homework policy in the school handbook.
- EOG ‘Pump Up’ discussion: Laura S. told us that TCH holds a brief celebration at the end of each EOG day. Students that were observed using strategies would have their names put in a hat for prizes. Tammy B. said that PFE had student write supportive notes to one another. Scott would like to recognize the hard work that the 3-5 students do. Tammy B. suggested a larger get-together to start with combined with a name drawing at the end of each day. Scott has two bicycles to give away on field day - one boy and one girl. Maybe have Davison River Taiko drummers come and perform. Pair grades 2 and 3 for note-writing.
- Partners in Education Contract: looks good, let’s continue using as is.
- Study and ACT/SWOT for the SIP: SIT broke into committees. Scott advised us to review SIP and make any changes regarding Study (analysis of data) and Acts (have we achieved our goals or do we need to continue?). Also complete the SWOT - Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Debbie asked “what would be a threat?” Scott gave the fictional example of multiple people in a grade-level leaving next year.
- Scott moved at 4:15 that the meeting be adjourned when the last committee finished. Laura R. seconded.