

SIT Meeting — December 3, 2015

Members present: Sandra Smith, Mandy Williamson, Kathleen Morgan, Casey Conard, Lee Messer, Carol Clarke, Ann Trader, Nicole Revis, Kristin Buff, Rosemary Rogers, Wendy Rogers, and Sarah Souderes.

Items of Discussion:

Technology Priorities - 2015-2016 School Year

- We found out recently that we will not be getting a new computer lab this year. We were on the ITC's rotation as one of the HCS to get a new lab. The funds that the ITC would have used for this project, however, were cut.
- As a school, we need to create a prioritized lists of needs and wants in regards to technology.
- SIT members will talk with their grade levels to elicit needs and wants per their individual classrooms, their grade level or for technology that would be used school-wide.
- Carol will send out a Google Doc by Friday, December 4th where SIT members can add their grade level discussions.
- SIT will then make a list of Technology Priorities at their January 2016 meeting.
- School and PTO monies can be used.

Male Achievement Gaps

- At our school right now, there is a large achievement gap for males in the area of reading. 41% of boys in grades 3-5 are not performing on grade level based on EOG data.
- At our November meeting, we brainstormed ideas that could help change this data (see November notes). Progress so far:
 - SIT members will be talking to their grade level/Special areas to get some more ideas of how to tackle this issue. Ideas should be included on a Google doc that will be shared soon.
 - Magazine subscriptions: target "at risk" 5th grade students with a home subscription to a popular magazine (Boys Life, Ranger Rick, National Geo for Kids, Sports Illustrated for Kids); Mrs. Rogers to look into funding. Possibly have lunch time conversations with students about articles read from the magazine (with Title I teachers, Specialists, or other willing staff).
 - Becky is talking with Bethel Middle School about their Ninja Reading program (integrating PE and reading).
 - Becky has contacted Natalie Boone about possible ideas she may have about how to target male "at risk" readers.
 - Carol is actively trying to secure authors to come and talk to our students.
 - Carol is putting together a Library book order for resources that would appeal to boys.

Powerschool - grades

- We discussed how many grades are supposed to be in Powerschools.
- Consensus: Grade levels should be fairly consistent with the grades you are putting in Powerschools. Make sure you are entering grades in a timely manner.

Universal Breakfast

- Unfortunately we can't change anything about Universal Breakfast because it is mid-year during a Federally-funded program. SIT will re-visit in Fall 2016 to hopefully make some needed changes.
- Right now, Nicole will look into changing food options if possible. This might help deal with the issue of food waste.

Bus Riding Schedule

- Mrs. Rogers said she will not be revising the bus riding schedule.

2nd Load Bus

- We are actively exploring options with bus routes. More info to follow.

STEM Update - (March 29th STEM Night)

The planning committee had their first meeting on 11/23.

Details:

- Special visitors coming to do science experiments
- Specific subjects being taught/shown by each grade level
- Gather books for student giveaways
- Might do *Dinner for a Buck*
- More details to come
 - Next planning meeting, December 14th
 - Any ideas? Share with your STEM Rep before the next meeting

Notes submitted by Carol A. Clarke

NEXT MEETING: January 7, 2016