

District Excellence Planning Team Meeting
Tamarack District Library
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
May 6, 2009

MINUTES

Members Present: Dixie Pope, Sara Shriver, Ron Pincumbe, Chris Smith, Brenda Thompson, Susan Olson, Meagan Lintemuth, Katherine Andersen, Barb Kaaikala, Holly Poll, Colliene Willison, Leslie Bauman-Leach, Mark Nichols, Tanya Ringlever, Tim Erspamer, Jeanne Merriman, Sarah Hicks, Scot Donley, Kathy Nerychel, Brad Hoekstra, Amie Pincumbe, Kris Lindsey, Connie Hammis, Sherry Mountney, Gary Jensen, Kelly Nielsen, Kim Tompsett, Diane Zehnder, Wendy Bates, Brenda Smith, Kim Tanis, Marney Ryan, Sue Kain

Welcome, Introduction, Purpose: Sara Shriver

LEA Planning Cycle Review: Sara shared the updated progress of the LEA Planning Cycle which had been done on April 22 with the DEPT sub-group.

Federal Grants Update: Sara gave an update of the Federal Grants Estimated Allocations for the 2009-2010 year. The buildings were split up into two groups K-5 and 6-12. Each group was given a task to complete in regards to planning for the state and federal grant programs.

Sara facilitated the discussion regarding Title I and At-Risk programming with the K-5 building teams. Results from the discussion included:

1. Keep all programs as is.
2. Shift the At-Risk Paras into the Title I ARRA grant to free up At-risk funds if we get them in 2009-2010 for MS and HS support programs.
3. Keep Summer School as is.
4. Keep Set-Asides as is.
5. BSES would like to add more staff to summer school if possible and add .5 Title I Math teacher
6. LES would like to add an Afterschool Program and have \$10000 more of PD funds if possible

Sara facilitated the discussion regarding At-risk, Title II A, and Title VI funds with the MS and HS teams. Results from the discussion included:

1. Keep At Risk staff at the LMS as is, except make the .5 ELA teacher 1.0 (full time)
2. More PD funds for the LMS and LHS staff
3. LHS literacy coach
4. LHS math coach
5. Summer school at both LMS and LHS
6. LMS math coach
7. LHS after school
8. LMS and LHS At-risk para support

Three questions to clarify with MDE;

1. Title II Part D funds – competitive or formula
2. Title VI – how can it be spent
3. Title I ARRA – 1 year or 2 years of that allocation

Technology Review:

Dixie and Sara led the whole group in an activity that would get each staff discussing the following items in order to secure E-rate funding:

1. Review of the District Technology Policies
2. Review of the District Technology Guidelines
3. Review of the District Acceptable Use Policy
4. Use of technology in the classrooms regarding appropriate on-line behaviors, social networking, chat rooms, and cyber bullying

Dixie let the building teams know that they must review item #4 above with staff and students at their next staff meetings and in classrooms, document completion, and forward evidence to her by June 4, 2009.

Quick Updates:

Sara gave quick updates:

1. Summer school will begin July 14 and end August 20; T, W, TH, 8:00-12:00; and postings are now out.
2. Dixie shared summary results from the Early Release Wednesday surveys – positive feedback and most wanted to continue them in 2009-2010
3. Dixie shared summary results from the Parent and Community surveys – she was disappointed with the limited number of responses
4. Annual Report information will be due to Sara in July
5. Walk to School Day – May 13, 2009 – rain date May 14.
6. We will have a summer DEPT if necessary due if there are major budget changes

Financial Update:

Dixie shared the most recent information she had in regards to funding for the 09-10 school year. At this time, she is not planning any reductions, which can change at any time. She will keep staff posted as she learns more about the State funding as well as the Federal funding.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:30 p.m.