**Gallatin County Elementary School**

*“On Track for Success”*

Minutes of Elementary December 13, 2011 SBDM meeting

**Members Present:** Joe Wright, Myra Morgan, Amanda O’Connor, Kelly Ellis, and Tonia Smith

**Members Absent:** Shelly Simpson

**Guest:** Tammy Walters, Jennifer Gullion, and Amanda New

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 P.M .in the Lower Elementary Conference room.
2. Opening Business
   1. Agenda approved

b. Review Minutes of November meeting minutes were approved

c. Good News Reports

* + 1. Our PTSO put together a very delicious and enjoyable Holiday dinner for the staff of Gallatin Elementary Monday December 12
    2. Kindergarten and 1st grade both had positive trips to Cincinnati’s Taft Theatre and Museum Center, respectively.
    3. Kindergarten also had good trips caroling around campus and at the nursing home.

1. Student Achievement
   1. Think Link averages indicated Kindergarten had small growth in Reading and a small decline in Math. 1st grade moved up 15 percent in Math and declined 3 percent in Reading. 2nd grade was up 9 percentage points in Math and 7 in Reading. Teams will adjust to asking questions in the manner the Think Link asks to familiarize students with that type of question. Also, May’s testing schedule will be set by spring break and planned for by each team.
   2. Team leaders were getting Unit and SMART goal info for the end of the semester.
2. Planning
   1. By a survey Kindergarten and 2nd grade reported they preferred to remain over cap rather than make a mid-year switch to a split class to relieve high numbers. We will review if class size went to 28. Will look for options in staffing in next year’s budget allocation.
3. Committee Reports
   1. Safety concerns from a survey were: more vigilant checking visitors and having them have visitor passes, more effort in checking the red and green cards in fire drills and other drills, and have better parent movement control at dismissal time. Mrs. Ellis mentioned that it is a concern to some parents that we could be more welcoming in the office.
   2. New Standards are not being covered at a pace to have all of them introduced before May. Teams will review this progress in January to make adjustments.

7. New Business

a. None

8. Adjourned 4:38 pm