**Gallatin County Elementary School**

*“On Track for Success”*

Minutes of Elementary May 8, 2012 SBDM meeting

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

and Shelley Simpson

**Guest:** Mr. Lenny Whalen, Jo Ann McCaughan and Heather Gullion

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M .in the Lower Elementary Conference room.
2. Opening Business
   1. Agenda approved

b. April and edited March meeting minutes were approved

c. Good News Reports

* + 1. Think Link Scores showed significant growth across the board. Math and Reading Scores were comparable with each other and goals were met or exceeded in all grades.
    2. First grade had successful field trip to see The Lexington Legends and a successful class picnic.
    3. The talent show was a success with a total of 32 acts entertaining with three shows throughout the course of the day. It was noted how much each act’s confidence built throughout the day and was displayed in the final show.
    4. Stanford 10 testing is completed. Teachers noted how the material being tested was better matched with the content and standards being taught.
    5. PTSO Magic Show with Magician Mark Comley was a huge hit with the students and staff.
    6. Gallatin Steel has sponsored The Principal’s Academy for Mr. Wright this spring with a generous $9000 donation. It was also noted their ongoing partnership helped to sponsor recent field trips to The Cincinnati Museum Center and The Lexington Legends as well as numerous other contributions to our school.

1. Student Achievement
   1. Think Link Spring 2012 analysis is complete. The Spring 2012 Goal of 70% was met or exceeded in almost all areas. This is especially rewarding in light of the escalation of difficulty in testing each session.
      1. Kindergarten scores showed improvement from 62 to 70% in Math and from 60 to 72% in Reading.
      2. First grade scores showed improvement from 59 to 69% in Math and from 64 to 75% in Reading.
      3. Second grade scores showed improvement from 59 to 69% in Math and from 67 to 74% in Reading.
   2. The 2012- 2013 30-60-90 day plan was approved after changes were made.
2. Committee Report
   1. Budget Committees proposal for 2012- 2013 Budget was approved.
   2. Committee assignment and reporting calendar was reviewed. Committees need to elect chair persons and parent members need to be assigned.
3. Planning
   1. Class arrangement plan for 2012- 2013 was discussed at length. Consensus was for allocation of the eighteenth teacher to be as an addition to second grade, making the class arrangement with six classes for each grade: Kindergarten, First grade and Second grade.
   2. A change in yearbook vendor was approved as requested by Mrs. Karshner. This change will decrease cost of the yearbooks by $1.50 each.
4. Review
   1. Visitor’s policy was postponed until the June 12th meeting.
   2. Discipline/ Safety Policy was reviewed and a change was made to have all students bring large zip bags to contain their personal belongings during the day in hopes of preventing possible spread of bed bugs.
5. New Business
   1. SBDM elections results were discussed. Teacher representatives include returning member Jo Ann McCaughan, new member Kelly Middendorf and new member Tammy Walters. Parent representative include returning member Shelley Simpson and new member Marty Glenn. Plans are being made to address the minority requirement.
   2. June meeting is slated for June 12th and will include hiring.

7. Adjourned 5:04 pm