**T.K. Stone Middle School**

**SBDM Minutes**

**October 21, 2013**

**Opening**

The T. K. Stone Middle school SBDM meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2013 at T. K. Stone Middle School library by Beth Mather.

Present: Erica Frierson, Shazia Ahmed, Derisa Hindle, Ashley Atcher, Chris Gardner and Beth Mather

**Old Business**

1. The minutes for September 9, 2013 and October 1, 2013 were reviewed. Derisa Hindle moved to accept the minutes with a second from Chris Gardner. The motion carried.
2. Erica Frierson motioned to accept the September 2013 financial statement subject audit with a second from Derisa Hindle. The motion carried.
3. Mrs. Mather presented the second reading of T.K. Stone Middle School Safety Policy. The policy was reviewed to ensure compliance with Kentucky Department of Education. Chris Gardner moved we accept the School Safety Policy with a second from Shazia Ahmed. The motion carried.

**New Business**

Chris Gardner presented a motion with a second from Shazia Ahmed to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to KRS 61.810.. The motion carried.

Erica Frierson moved to adjourn executive session and return to regular session with a second from Ashley Atcher. The motion carried.

1. Ashley Atcher moved we accept Dr. Bill Claggett as our Lego League sponsor with a second from Chris Gardner. The motion carried.
2. Mrs. Mather recommended changing our participation in the LEGO League to participation in the KY STLP LEGO Challenge. A motion was made by Chris Gardner with a second from Erica Frierson to approve Mrs. Mather’s recommendation.
3. K-Prep Data-Our school made adequate gains in both Science and Social Studies, small gains in math, and declined in our reading K-Prep scores. While disseminating the data, the council believed with 50% of our student population falling into the GAP category, it was imperative we build relationships and push those students toward those academic goals. Mrs. Mather shared the results of the data analysis performed by the teachers at a recent faculty meeting.

Next Steps:

**GAP**

1. Examine our instructional practices.
2. Build relationships/connections to school.
3. Structures in place to support students who might not have those structures at home.
4. Teach students how to think (metacognition).
5. School wide recognition participation/engaged in class for those who show growth with their KPREP scores.

**MATH**

1. Make it socially unacceptable to be “bad in math.” Teacher image to students.
2. Teach more conceptually.
3. Increase math tutoring time. How to motivate students to attend. After school club/positive spin.
4. Identify the students “in the middle.” Examine how do we meet their needs.
5. Possible activities in PAWS-real world applied math
6. Increase the number of students in the “I Can” Math program by opening the program two afternoons each week

**READING**

1. Push hard with 7th grade group in all content areas.
2. Be sure to use PAWS time for reading
3. Develop a culture of readers
4. Books from the library in classrooms to reinforce content focus (units) for use by students when they have finished the assigned task.
5. Teach student to analyze and think while reading in all content areas
6. Questions-Do the questions require the students to think about the reading or simply identify a fact.
7. Promote the culture of reading by encouraging students during our PAWS time to read if all assignments are completed.

Erica Frierson made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the SBDM council with a second from Derisa Hindle. The motion carried.

Adjourned: 5:40 pm

Minutes submitted by: Erica Frierson