**Gallatin County Elementary School**

*“On Track for Success”*

Minutes of Elementary November 1, 2013 SBDM meeting

**Members Present:** Joe Wright, JoAnn McCaughan, Nicole Towles, Kelly Middendorf, Etelva Staverman, and Marty Glenn

**Members Absent:** Kelly Miller

**Secretary:** Debra Allen

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. in the Lower Elementary conference room.
2. **Opening Business**

* Agenda approved
* Postpone policies until December
* Thoughts on October Board/SBDM meeting: When the Board asked what they need, member Ms. Middendorf wants them to come in and just see what’s happening in the classroom.
* CSIP plan should have 3 legs on it. We start with this group, take it to the staff, and bring it back here for approval.
* The Board of Education had budgeted us $10.00 a student. They’ve added from May to now, November 1, is a total of $10,000 addition to our total budget.
* We have to replace our math texts, an $8,000 expenditure.
* We consistently pull from library and need to replace that. It’s a matter for the Budget Committee.
* Our attendance is at 95%. Mr. Whalen helped raise our attendance rate from 93% to 95%.
* DPP will be replaced by part-time individual. We will still work with resource officer.

1. **Good News Reports**

* Fall Festival well participated; kids had fun. Simultaneously occurring: UE Haunted House and nursing home festival.
* Red Ribbon week and the last day’s Balloon Launch were a success.

1. **Related Business and Future Plans**

* Second Grade Field Trip
* Little Lambs Cookie Dough
* Committee members can give Dr. Dee All Call messages for our families.
* MAP scores were analyzed. Compared reading and math scores of grade levels, and from last spring to this fall.
* Teachers try to get students on SRC quizzes because they need to read it.
* Member Ms. McCaughan concerned. Are students internalizing it? She wants to see reading scores come way up in December.
* Suggestion: more opportunities to practice tests without them being read to them.
* Ms. McCaughan mentioned Mr. Whalen is going to similar district where students are successful. Why aren’t we successful?
* Ms. Towels’ suggestion: Buddy Schools
* Committee analyzed Literacy First scores. It has raised us in decoding skills. Doesn’t help with fluency and comprehension. Ms. Middendorf: Teachers are working hard to raise fluency and comprehension.
* MAP is the bottom line. MAP is a diagnostic, not a predictor of K-PREP.
* Concerns from one member: her son’s reading level.
* Ms. Middendorf: we need human resources.
* Ms. McCaughan: during 3rd grade, students switch from learning to read, to reading to learn
* Ms. McCaughan: Covering all the Standards are a problem. Takes time.
* Discussion of SNAP diagnostic assessment
* Ms. McCaughan: The biggest change I’ve seen, we’re growing kids who feel more confident in math, are more willing to try things, hear less “I can’t do math, I’m no good at math.”
* Mr. Wright: Ways we’re getting better: Calendar Math, getting kids to think more about their thinking / metacognition (Daily 5…). It’s a slow process. How do we increase student achievement? They love playing math games, and SNAP games.

1. **Item 3, CSIP Focus**

* Wants to capture DILT energy at faculty meeting. The Board wants us to make better connections with our children.
* 2nd grade reading and math partners. Kids have two teachers.
* Discussed possibility of parent choice of teachers.
* For shadowing schools, let’s pick one that’s doing what we’re already doing (Daily 5, SNAP…)
* Ms. Middendorf: We want aides in the classroom.

1. **RTI Committee Meeting**

* First and Second Grade started three weeks ago. They’re documenting and graphing data on shared folder and documenting on Infinite Campus via the RTI folder
* Kindergarten started RTI last week.
* Ms. Middendorf has made adjustments to RTI groups
* Standards have changed.
* The report card has changed. It will be 7 pages. The report card is confusing for both teachers and parents.
* Ms. McCaughan: We can’t make it one-page. It doesn’t work.

Question from RTI committee meeting: Why do we leave so early in the day? Times/buses are not consistent.

* Committee solution to RTI question: announcements will be made at 3:00 every day.
* Next SBDM meeting: December 6