Morningside Elementary School

SBDM Minutes

November 16, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 3:34 pm.

Members present were: Karla Buckingham, Shawn Sizemore, Stacie Stroop, Misti Craig, Candace Payne, and Phoenix Peeler. Members absent: Laura Beth Hayes.

Council reviewed the October 19th, 2015 **minutes** and current **agenda**. Shawn Sizemore made the motion to accept the minutes and current Agenda. Stacie Stroop seconded the motion. All were in consensus.

Public Comment: None.

Karla Buckingham shared her **principal’s report** with council members which included the following:

1. Current enrollment: 489 students.
2. Updates:

\*Trick-or-Treat at Morningside on Oct. 29th saw over 400 students come through our building to enjoy getting a treat and seeing their teachers dressed in costume. There were lots of positive comments from families.

\*Fall Book Fair was held from Nov. 9-13th, was very successful and made over $10,000. There will be over $6,000 Scholastic dollars to divide among teachers to spend on books or supplies for their classrooms.

\*Veterans Day on Nov. 11th was smaller in scale, but more appropriately geared towards our elementary students. T.K. Stone choir performed patriotic songs and a military parent spoke to our student body about the freedoms we enjoy in America.

\*Math Family Night on Nov. 12th had approximately 40 parents/students in attendance. There were many good comments and suggestions were made to provide incentives to boost attendance for our next Family Night event.

\*Our most recent Box Top for Education drive netted over $1,300 for our school.

c. Upcoming Events:

\*Nov. 16-20—Student Council Food Drive.

\*Nov. 18th—Thanksgiving lunch in our cafeteria.

\*Nov. 24th—MES Talent Show.

\*United Way campaign coming up after Thanksgiving.

Karla Buckingham went over **budget reports**: the general ledger report, Section 6 budget and District Activity Funds/swept accounts.

Mrs. Buckingham reviewed the **Emergency Management Plan** with Site Council members. Karla also informed council members that we have an Emergency Management Procedures manual for our building.

Morningside Elementary 2015 **Consolidated School Improvement Plan** (pages 12-19) that was submitted to the district last year was looked at by Council members, with specific attention paid to Achievement Gap. The focus of the **CSIP** is to improve student achievement. Mrs. Buckingham shared with council that faculty will be looking at Academic goals at their next faculty meeting and that a final Consolidated School Improvement Plant will need to submitted in January 2016. Council members made several suggestions as to ways to reach identified Gap students, i.e., a mentoring program, additional parent nights, home visits and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Council members had a second reading of the **Parent Request Policy**. Shawn Sizemore made a motion to approve and accept the up-dated policy; Kasey Bratcher seconded the motion. All were in consensus.

The Curriculum Committee presented updates and revisions to our current **Wellness Policy**. Council members discussed proposed changes and will continue this discussion at the December Site Council meeting.

**Committee Minutes** were shared with Council members.

**Closing Business**:

1. Other business: Mrs. Buckingham informed council members that Mr. Zachary Alexander has been hired as the new Instructional Assistant for the computer lab. Mr. Alexander is currently in the process of completing his paperwork and hopes to be in place by the beginning of December.
2. December Agenda: Wellness Policy and CSIP
3. Next Meeting: December 14, 2015 at 3:30 in MES library
4. Adjournment: Candace Payne made the motion to adjourn at 5:06 pm. Kasey Bratcher seconded the motion. All were in consensus.

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