**PANTHER ACADEMY MINUTES**

**SITE BASE COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 30, 2017 (Draft)**

**3:00**

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1. **Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Kelly Graham.**
2. **Members Present: Kelly Graham; Melissa Nepi; Caitlin Shilts; Julia Keathley; Melinda Robinson; Carol George.**
3. **Absent: Amy Truitt**
4. **Secretary: Kim Druen**
5. **Guests: None**
6. **Approval of Agenda: Approved 1st Shilts, 2nd George**
7. **Approval of November Minutes: Approved 1st Shilts 2nd Robinson**
8. **Principal Good News Report:**

* **Title I Multi-Cultural Night (Global Education & Awareness): coming up Thursday, Feb. 9 (Students will be performing a song; showcasing work they have done on their country; snacks from China and Mexico provided; a parade of nations; guest speakers; prizes given away; flags will be on display for asking for donations to purchase country flags to hang up in PA’s hallway, and much more! Each class has also been demonstrating at each morning meeting what they are learning and sharing with the other students. We feel students will learn so many things such as compassion, curiosity, and kindness towards all nationalities.**
* **Beautiful Mural has been completed in the Cafeteria; it is a Panther in the middle on an airplane on top of the world. It is absolutely beautiful and the artist was paid for from a PA family donation.**
* **Preschool has recently earned a top rating of 5 on the KY All STARS. They will be recognized at the next Board meeting. We are very proud of the teachers and the hard work they do.**

1. **Needs Assessment: Ms. Graham shared the Needs Assessment with the council after getting input from the staff. Discussion was had by all how Interventionists are funded at all schools by the district. Currently the half time interventionist is board funded and School Title I funds for the other full time interventionist position. Ms. Nepi asked if the Preschools in the state are seeing such an increase in special ed needs and a discussion was had about preschool teachers needing more support for all the special needs and the history of preschool and staffing. CTRP is in place for kg – 12th grades to provide more support, but preschool needs to be more inclusive. However, preschool needs more support for students with severe special needs or challenging behaviors. Council agrees that this is a high priority for PA. Teachers explained the need for a canopy or awning for our car riders when it is raining outside. Primarily this is more of a concern on the car rider side for KG students since there are so many compared to the preschool side, but everyone agrees this is a need. Ms. Graham stated that she has shown this area and spoken to Nate Huggins, Assistant Superintendent of Building and Grounds. Mr. Huggins expressed that this would be quite costly to do. Ms. Graham stated that she did ask Mr. Huggins if he could research this for us and see what all the options could be for getting something to shield the rain. Ms. Graham said that another bonus would be that we could have two lines in the KG side with a canopy which could make things go a lot smoother. Council would like to have feedback on this in the future. The Council reached a consensus on the Needs Assessment Plan. 1st Shilts; 2nd George**
2. **Student Achievement: Ms. Graham mentioned that she has completed almost all Student Growth Goals (SGG) with each teacher. All teachers are making significant gains in reaching their goals with a decrease in RTL numbers. Ms. Craig, Interventionist, is also providing a “Walk and Talk” System in the morning before school starts to mentor, chat, and teach social skills to those students identified in need by their teachers. Council believes this is an excellent use of time and very needed.**
3. **Committee Minutes:**

* **Technology Minutes (Jan. 9): 1st George; 2nd Robinson**
* **Curriculum Minutes (Dec. 8): 1st Shilts; 2nd Nepi**
* **Curriculum Minutes (Jan. 12): 1st Shilts; 2nd Robinson**
* **Parent Involvement Jan. 10): 1st Shilts; 2nd Nepi**

1. **Budgets: No updates needed at this time; Instructional Funds left may cover the cost of one Lucy Calkin’s Writing Kit. Ms. Druen will order one of these. Plans are underway for next school year to begin studying this program to compliment the Lucy Calkin’s Reading Program.**
2. **Policy Work: The council discussed the District Early Entry Policy. The Council requested some changes to be made on the Procedure page 09.121 AP.21 “Petition for Early Enrollment”. In the second paragraph, second to last sentence, *change the date from November 1 to September 1*. Ms. Graham stated she will discuss this request with the Superintendent. The thinking behind this decision (which is also the consensus of the faculty) is to limit the age span eligible to petition for early enrollment due to the new change for KG students (not 5 by Oct. 1, but will be 5 by Aug. 1 beginning in 2017). The professional judgment is that students need to have the chance to socially and emotionally mature as much as possible for kindergarten, as well as thinking through long-term effects in future grades. Ms. Graham shared that in the past, there was an early entry student placed that had a late birthday and was approved by a committee here. She asked the council to think through this for an explanation. The council concluded that at the time that situation was new and they did not know until later that they felt that was not the best decision due to the social maturity segment in the policy not being experienced and thought through enough. Thus, the second request for change is in the last paragraph on this same page in regards to the four (4) week trial period. They would like to require someone such as a school psychologist or other professional to do an observation during that time frame on social maturity and be included in the meeting with the parent IF they do not think early entrance is a wise decision based on this observation.**
3. **Old/New Business: none**
4. **Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:30. 1st Shilts; 2nd Keathley.**