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**PANTHER ACADEMY**

**SITE BASE COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 28, 2017**

**3:15**

1. **Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Kelly Graham.**
2. **Members Present: Kelly Graham; Caitlin Shilts; Julia Keathley; Amy Truitt; Leah Lye; Kasey McCrary**
3. **Absent: LaTasha Montgomery (Resigned)**
4. **Secretary: Kim Druen**
5. **Guests: None**
6. **Approval of Agenda: Approved 1st McCrary, 2nd Shilts**
7. **Approval of August 28 Minutes: Approved 1st Shilts 2nd Keathley**
8. **Principal Good News Report:**

* **WALKATHON: First Fundraiser coming up Thursday!**
* **Ms. Graham explained the new Committee System to everyone and said she thinks this will go a lot smoother this year due to the new “Teacher Directed” system being used along with the Cub Club. She also explained that the Council’s role is still primarily focusing on instruction and student achievement, but due to the small staff at PA instructional communication/feedback will primarily be among the principal, PLC groups, Instructional Faculty Meetings, and the Universal Climate Team (Academic & Behavior Response to Intervention).**
* **Preschool Numbers are already very high and close to capping at 20. There are a lot of special needs this year as well to include Autism, Down Syndrome, Speech, Developmental Delays, etc.**
* **Kindergarten Numbers: All kg teachers have 20 to 22 in their classrooms currently. The district tries to maintain a 20:1 ratio. (The state has a 24:1 ratio).**
* **Early Entrance Policy was discussed: Currently PA has one four year old child that qualified for early entrance. This child is being closely monitored and abiding by all the guidelines and procedures as set by this district policy.**

1. **Student Achievement Report/Data: Ms. Truitt, RTI Teacher stated that all Brigance Assessments have been completed and the first benchmark for reading and math are beginning using AimsWeb Plus. Ms. Graham will bring more information about the District and School plans for building a solid Response to Behavior System. This year the system is being created gradually to ensure the long term success. All students will be benchmarked for behaviors just like academics 3 times a year.**
2. **School Improvement Planning: Once results from AIMS WEB Plus are in, work can begin to take place for setting new goals. Ms. McCrary inquired about other preschool programs in our district and how are they rated compared to PA’s. Ms. Graham and Ms. Keathley shared information about the status of 5 Star Schools which PA is based on things like Certification required for teachers; ECERS Certification; All Day Preschool, etc. Ms. McCrary asked if there is any list of any kind that states what all the preschools are rated in the district and if those that are coming to PA for kindergarten are invited to visit here close to their transition time. Excellent Idea!**
3. **Committee Reports: Ms. Graham stated that all committees were discussed at the last faculty meeting and dates are being set for them with effort being made to include parents.**
4. **Bi laws and/or Policies Reviewing/Revising: First Reading was conducted on the Committee’s Policy. Ms. McCrary made a suggestion that it would be a nice gesture if teachers would reach out to parents for their involvement at their first parent/teacher conference this year. Ms. Graham will share this information. \*Bi laws will continue to be read and reviewed/revised at next meeting. \*Minority Elections (bi laws) states to conduct a minority election. Council discussed ways to get minorities interested by reaching out to some personally.**
5. **Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:43 1st Truitt; 2nd Shilts**