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**PANTHER ACADEMY**

**SITE BASE COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 4, 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; Julia Keathley; Amy Truitt; Leah Lye; Kasey McCrary**
3. **Absentees: Caitlin Shilts**
4. **Secretary: Kim Druen**
5. **Guests: None**
6. **Approval of Agenda: Approved 1st Keathley, 2nd Truitt**
7. **Approval of September 30 Minutes: Approved 1st Truitt 2nd McCrary**
8. **Principal Good News Report:**

* **Trick or Treat with EHS very successful and fun was had by all**
* **EHS has invited our students Friday, Dec. 15 to their Christmas Program (Band and Choir). Kindergarten students will be singing two songs for them too. This is also a great way to expose them to music.**
* **Kindergarten classrooms are all participating in the NATIONWIDE CODING this week. Ms. Truitt stated her strategies she is using and informed the council how valuable this is to the students.**
* **PA was the #1 school in the district to give to United Way (percentage calculation of staff and funds raised.) The staff also had 100% participation and has earned a luncheon in the near future! We might be a small staff, but have big hearts!**
* **Two instructional assistants were recently hired to start in Jan. They are Samantha Bennett, transferring out of cafeteria at PA, and Jasmine Knight coming from North Park Elementary. Both Ally Echols and Belinda Hildeshaim have resigned.**
* **Ms. Graham shared the draft for the new Response to Behavior Plan (RtB). This is a work in progress to also complement the existing Response to Learning Plan. Both behavior and academics work hand in hand and create a successful learning environment. There are many parts of this plan that still need developed, but the Universal Team in place will continue to work with the District on this.**

1. **School Improvement Planning Updates: Ms. Graham shared KDE’s planning process and discussed and got feedback on the Needs assessment for the CSIP, the Title I review, The continuous improvement diagnostic and the equitable access to effective teachers. All of these documents contain collected information from various sources such as the TELL Survey, PLC mtgs., etc. will be used in the planning of the CSIP.**
2. **Student Achievement Report/Data: While the Brigance Scores have not been officially released from KDE yet to the schools, PA did take a drop this year on kindergarten readiness from a 55% ready last year to a 47% this year from what our information tells us. Official results when received will be shared with the council. While concerned to see a drop this year, it will be most important to see trends (ex. 2 to 3 years in a row do they keep dropping or rising? Rather than based on just one year.) Some speculation for the drop is we have a large number of special needs students, the age changed for kindergarten qualification this year from entering as a 5 year old by Oct. 1 to 5 by Aug. 1. It will be important to look through the data soon to see which backgrounds are in most need such as students that have had no preschool vs. those that have had preschool, etc.**

**RTL: Currently in kindergarten we are serving 31 in reading and 17 for math. They will take their second benchmark with the Aims Web in Jan.**

**Teaching Strategies Gold: Preschool students will take their second benchmark in February and Ms. Graham will share those results of their progress thus far. Currently 38 of these students are in special education. Note: Preschool students qualify with a disability and/or low income. Preschool is an intervention in itself.**

1. **Committee Reports: The Thanksgiving/Teacher Appreciation Committee minutes were approved, 1st McCrary 2nd Truitt. Comments were made on how wonderful it was to have Dow Corning here to volunteer and help serve. This freed up families to share this experience with their children.**
2. **Second Reading of the Emergency Plan: Approved 1st Truitt; 2nd Keathley**
3. **Next Meeting: Jan. 29, 18**
4. **Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 1st Truitt; 2nd McCrary**