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**PANTHER ACADEMY**

**SITE BASE COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 13, 2018**

**2:30 P.M.**

Members Present: Carla Kuhn; Julia Keathley; Melissa Gregory; Emily Ede; Brandy Armstrong; Tiffany McGinnis; Kim Druen, Secretary

Guests: None

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:26 p.m. by Carla Kuhn as all members present.

OPENING BUSINESS:

a.) APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved 1st Keathley, 2nd Armstrong

b.) APPROVAL OF AUGUST 28TH MINUTES: Approved 1st Ede 2nd McGinnis

c.) PUBLIC COMMENT: None

d.) GOOD NEWS REPORT: Mrs. Kuhn stated that our first Title I Family night event was very successful. She also discussed our Preschool enrollment needs will exceed the required cap in each classroom soon which will cause us to add a fifth Preschool classroom. Plans are in process for interviews for fifth preschool teacher.

1. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

a. BRIGANCE: Mrs. Kuhn commented that our Brigance data indicates that 46% of Kindergarten students are Kindergarten ready while 48% are not Kindergarten ready. She further stated that 7% of our Kindergarten students are ready for enrichment.

b. AIMSWEB: Mrs. Kuhn discussed the AimsWeb Fall Benchmarking data. She mentioned that 31% of Kindergarten students in Reading are receiving interventions while 11% of students are receiving Math interventions. She further stated that these intervention numbers will continue to increase significantly.

1. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING: Mrs. Kuhn stated that she will give a monthly update and review our School Improvement Plan at each SBDM meeting.

a.) Monthly Review: Mrs. Kuhn reviewed our Goal 1 objective is how we can increase critical thinking in the classroom for example. She stated with promoting more rigorous instruction and thru our RTL Groups that have been formed will help us meet our Goal 1 objective. Mrs. Kuhn pointed out with regards to Goal 5 thru our BLA monthly meetings on Tuesday nights we are setting objectives to increase participation and awareness of this early childhood program. Mrs. Keathley suggested from her recent training that we should reach out to daycares and the First Steps Program Coordinators to share this BLA information with parents/guardians

1. BUDGET REPORT:

Mrs. Kuhn and Mrs. Druen provided an updated expenditures Section 6 budget report to the SBDM Council. Mrs. Druen explained the expenses since the last SBDM Council meeting. It was discussed and decided by the majority of the council to reallocate the funds in the 8th Kindergarten class line item to teacher, Mrs. Kristy Pritchard. Mrs. Kuhn discussed that currently E’town Laundry provides extra rugs in place throughout the building which has become very costly. We are requesting to purchase rugs from Lowe’s or WalMart to replace these rugs which should prove less costly.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS: The following Committees provided minutes which were reviewed by the council, Social; Spirit; Global Awareness, Character Education & Thanksgiving; & Technology.

6. BYLAWS/POLICY REVIEW/READINGS/ADOPTION:

a. Emergency Plan: Mrs. Kuhn revised the Emergency Plan Policy and the council completed the 2nd reading.

b. Committee Policy: Mrs. Kuhn presented the Committee Policy and a final reading by the council was completed.

c. Consultation Policy: Mrs. Kuhn reviewed and presented the Consultation Policy for its’ first reading. Some changes were suggested by the council as follows: in the first paragraph under the Interview Committee remove ***“of each vacancy that occurs***” in the first sentence. It was suggested for Mrs. Kuhn to move the section headed Criteria and Interview Questions to the first paragraph. Then also remove and change the sentence with the following corrections under the section headed “Consultation with the Council” as follows: After consultation with the council, the principal ***shall then*** make a recommendation to the superintendent as to the person selected to fill each vacancy.

d. Enhancing Student Achievement: Mrs. Kuhn presented and reviewed the Enhancing Student Achievement policy for the first reading with the council. It was suggested and decided to add the statement under the “We believe” with our Vision statement.

e. Alignment with State Standards: Mrs. Kuhn presented the Alignment with State Standards policy and stated that records reflected that the first reading took place in 2016. Mrs. Kuhn stated this will be the second reading of this policy.

7. OLD BUSINESS: None to report.

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a.) VACANCIES: Mrs. Kuhn stated we will hopefully hire a 5th Preschool teacher to start with us after Fall Break. Discussions were held on Preschool needs, classroom sizes; students waiting to come in thru the RTL process or First Steps.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Next SBDM Council meeting is scheduled for October 11th at 2:30 p.m. Adjournment Time: 3:17 p.m. 1st Ede; 2nd Armstrong