**Gallatin County Elementary School**

*“On Track for Success”*

Minutes of Elementary March 7, 2011 SBDM meeting

**Members Present:** Joe Wright, Amy Brown, Amanda O’Connor, Kelly Ellis, Myra Morgan, and Tonia Smith

**Members Absent:** None

**Guest:** None

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:25 P.M in the library of the Elementary.
2. Opening Business
   1. Agenda Approved
   2. Review Minutes of February meeting
   3. Good News Reports
      1. Our media team of four 1st graders and Angie White and JoAnn McCaughan interviewed and videotaped teachers and community members about how they use reading and why they like it.
      2. During Read Across America week we had an author visit, had reading puzzle contests, saw a play called The Cat in The Hat by high school actors, hear 2 new songs about our library, and more to celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday.
3. Student Achievement
   1. Kindergarten SMART goal sheet indicates they are making progress on 8 of 11 goals, they are emphasizing: high frequency words, Number ID, and writing numbers. 1st grade is doing well on math goals and focusing on color and number words in text (students know the words but are not readily identifying them in a reading passage or sentence. 2nd grade had information on their Unit’s of Study in inferring, predicting, and word problems. The scores on word problems seem to indicate achievement by the students.
4. Planning
   1. New end of the year calendar activities were placed on the school calendar and shared with staff via the morning announcements.
   2. With new facilities and no renovation distraction the Council reviewed steps to improving next year in managing our school: ask GT teacher about having students do news video for morning announcements, have our students make a video for the time we exercise each day; have 2nd grade school patrol monitor halls and restrooms during morning, lunch, and evening; work on altering mindsets from talking about ‘work’ to learning, from smart students to appreciating knowing how to do a skill, and from celebrating success to challenges.
5. Review
   1. 1st draft of Alignment with State Standards passed
   2. Extra Curricular needed so much will be rewritten for April meeting
   3. School Space reviewed in ’08 needs to be rewritten for appearance
   4. Assignment of student to class rewrite for specific details in the process
   5. Assessment of individual student progress in April rewrite for specific information in the process
6. Adjourned 4:30
7. Next meeting April 11