

Bath County Middle School

Special Called SBDM Agenda

January 17, 2017

School Library

5:30 p.m.

Attendance: Todd Neace, Dusti Moore, Joy Bodine, Jennifer Wright, Sasha Reinhardt, and Lyndsey Hill

1. Opening Business

a. Approve Agenda

A motion to approve today's agenda was made by Sasha Reinhardt and seconded by Dusti Moore.

b. Approve Minutes of December 6, 2016

A motion to approve last month's minutes was made by Dusti Moore and seconded by Sasha Reinhardt

c. Good News Reports

Mr Neace gave out the "Good News Report. The 7th grade spelling bee winner was Lindsey Crouch and runner up was Clara Beth Toy. Students in 6th and 8th grade entered the Conservation Essay contest in their science classes. 6th grade winner was Charleigh Caudill, 2nd place was Elizabeth Overholser, and 3rd place was Katlyn Haney. The 8th grade winner was Taylor Thompson, 2nd place was Selah Bussell, and 3rd place was Emma Crouch. Ms. Moriarity reported to Mr. Neace that the 7th grade MAP scores had increased a good amount from fall to winter. Mr. Neace was able to get another set of chrome books, and the school now has four complete sets. The school will be getting a new computer lab downstairs, as well as several teachers will receive new workstation computers. The school will also be getting new Wi-Fi.

The District Governor's Cup is this coming weekend.

d. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Student Achievement

a. Attendance

• Student

December's attendance overall has increased from last year. 6th grade went from 93.2% to 93.8%, 7th grade went down a little from 93.79% to 93.02%, and 8th grade went from 91.47% to 93.5%. So far, the attendance overall has increased each month when compared to last year. Administration has been working on a Truancy Program and have been meeting weekly. The school has sent out letters and are getting students, who have missed a lot of school, involved in the process.

The school is continuing to look for ways to improve attendance.

- Teacher
Last year in December there were 66.5 absences with about 15 days of instruction. This year in December, there were 57.5 absences with 17 days of instruction.
- b. Behaviour Report
Last December 2015, the school had 17 students with behaviour reports, and 19 resolutions. This December 2016, the school had 33 students with behaviour reports, and 39 resolutions.

3. Planning

- a. Program Reviews
Mr. Neace has been meeting with teams to see how much has been completed, and what still needs to be turned in. All of 6th grade has completed grading the OD writing, but needs to work on submitting the pieces to folders. Students need more practice with writing in math, when proving answers to open response questions.
- b. CSIP (review)
The CSIP was turned into Rhonda Bach, at the board office to be reviewed. The plan is to keep putting in progress notes monthly, to document the information as it happens.
- c. 30, 60, 90 Day Plans
Mr. Neace discussed problems from last year with follow through to the end. He noted some teachers were unsure about what they were doing last year. This year, teachers better understand the process, and are completing and following through with their plans.

4. Budget Report

- a. Instructional
- b. Activity

5. Committee

- a. Committee Reports
 - i. Leadership
The leadership team plans to meet next week.
 - ii. Scheduling
Dusti Moore will be leading the scheduling committee. They plan to meet Tuesday of next week.
- b. PLC Report
 - i. ELA
Although the live scoring OD writing event was successful, the ELA team is working on ways to improve the process of the event.
After reviewing scores, the teachers seemed to have found common writing deficits to address in all grade level ELA classes. The teachers are looking into deficits in each grade level, to see specific areas where students struggle. All grade levels found grammar was a large concern.
 - ii. Math
The teachers are finding ways to monitor data by using a tool to track progress in KPREP and MAP. The tool is used to give feedback to the students. The Digits program they are currently using

expires, so teachers are exploring other options: Engage NY and New Jersey. The New Jersey seems to be favoured more, so the teachers and will be adopting this. The New Jersey is free and available online.

- iii. Teachers are looking into having an assessment given at end of 5th grade to determine placement for advanced classes. Middle school teachers would develop this assessment. In addition, re-teaching on concepts at beginning of each year will help refresh information from the year before in all grade levels.

Teachers agree that Bloom's should be used for grammar and multiplication. Students need to start from the bottom to build these skills.

6. New Business

Mrs. Bodine asked if there was a way to allow students better access to drinking water during the school day, especially for athletes in season. The handbook currently says, students cannot have bottles out unless they are unopened and only brought to lunch. There are concerns about what students may bring to school in the bottles. At the start of the school year, the school was handing out small water bottles to help make sure the students stayed hydrated. Is that something that could be continued year round? What other solutions are there?

The committee mentioned bringing back student vending as an option to allow student access at break and after school. The vending machines would have healthy vending options.

The committee discussed having a unified break, teachers would have assigned areas to monitor, and the students would rotate areas. There will be no change to break this year.

Mr. Neace is gathering information to start a process to have the middle school become accredited. He has started working with OES on this process.

The school and district want to get away from ranking the schools within the district.

Teachers will start to gather ideas about scheduling and there will be a meeting next Tuesday. Dusti Moore will send out a survey to gather information regarding teacher preferences.

7. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Jennifer Wright and seconded by Dusti Moore.