EBLS School Community Council
Unofficial Meeting Minutes
10/3/2022
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Faculty room

Council Members Present:
Whitney Mortenson (Chair)
Jodi Clark Midura
Steve Williams
Nate Justis
Jennifer Grewe
Breanne White
Laura Reina
Jennifer Barton (arrived later)
Carolina Harward (Secretary)

Excused:
J.R. Hoggan
Bora Lee

Agenda
Welcome & Call to Order 8:30 AM

1. Vote to approve the September 12, 2022 Minutes
   Action: To approve the September 12, 2022 Minutes
   Motion: Breanne White
   Second: Jodi Clarke-Midura
   Vote: Whitney Mortenson
       Jodi Clark Midura
       Steve Williams
       Nate Justis
       Breanne White
2. **Current School Improvement Plan and Budget Review (Nate Justis)**
   Principal Justis presented the plan and budget for this school year. The remaining balance for this year is $54,336.64. The budget is devoted to Field Experiences, Handwriting without Tears, General Supplies, Math Supplies, Level Library Books, Professional Development.

3. **Digital Citizenship and Safety (with Vaughn Larson)**
   Mr. Larson reported that NetSmartz will come to the school to talk to the students about internet safety. There will be two assemblies on October 17, 2022. There will be a Zoom meeting for parents as well.
   Parents asked questions about policies concerning internet usage. Mr. Justis said that we have great support from the college which provides digital safeguards. We provide training for students, training for parents, and training for staff. These trainings are paid with funds from the general building budget.
   Students are told to go to websites that are approved by the college. In 6th grade there is a monitor that displays all the screens and helps to control the internet surfing. Once in a while students get in difficult situations but that is addressed immediately, there is a plan with parents, students.
   Dr. Reina mentioned that students are taught at school that the ‘littleblue’ email domaing is for school communication only.

   Mr. Larson said that students learn about the good digital footprint. Whitney asked about the protocol if students stumble on this. Mr. Justis said that students must tell a trusted adult. Mr. Justis said that our school is solid and has filters. At home is a different story, children should know what to do.

4. **Data Review (Laura Reina)**
   Dr. Reina gave an overview of the data from last year’s end of the year.
Kindergarten reached 70% growth in segmentation fluency. First Grade had 94% of students made typical or better progress. Teachers focus on skills using the LTRS training. Second grade went from 68% to 74% of students in proficiency and accuracy.

Even though third grade didn’t reach their goal which was to increase oral reading proficiency, across the board, overall 79% of students reached typical or better growth. This year's 3rd grade goal is focusing back on accuracy.

Mr. Justis and Dr. Reina mentioned that Edith Bowen Laboratory School is in the top five in the state in overall literacy growth. The school is also number six in the overall achievement in the state.

The 4th grade had 8% of students increase in oral reading fluency. The RISE assessments show outstanding results. 4th grade had 94% of students making typical or better growth. Fifth grade had 80% typical or better growth. 6th grade achieved 87% of students' typical or better growth.

The state monitored goal for our school was that 60% of students, grades 1 - 3 make typical or better progress from beginning to end of the year. Our school had 84.3% which is well above the state’s monitor goal.

Dr. Reina mentioned that even in the face of a pandemic there was a lot of growth, our teachers did a wonderful job by helping our students. Dr. Reina reported the data gathered from Acadiance shows the reading proficiency is high across the school.

Dr. Reina presented the Early Learning Plan for this year. This plan identifies the tools used for each of the major five areas in literacy which consists in looking at specific programs and practices from our own literacy scope and sequence that we've developed as a school.

Dr. Reina said that this plan addresses the assessments, diagnostic, and monitor progress assessments that are required by the state and others that are approved by the state. The plan shows a breakdown on how to address the needs of Tier 2 and Tier 3 students and how to help them. The RTI program is a great resource that helps our students. Dr. Reina said that the same process is applied to the early math plan. Our math experts have developed some tools to support the Tier 2 and Tier 3 students.
Dr. Reina mentioned that the literacy goal for kindergarten is to increase phonemic segmentation fluency by 2%. The school will continue to use curriculum tools, EBLS continuum, LTRS program training, and professional development and coaching for the kindergarten team.

Dr. Reina stated that the Acadience math goal for 3rd grade is to increase it by 11%. This year 3rd grade will focus on computation. The RISE data shows a lot of growth, in the middle of the year there were 8% of students proficient by the end of year we had 55% of students proficient. The ELA in 3rd grade went from 18% to 65%. In 4th grade we started 29% in math, then went to 52% then at the end of year went to 73%, significantly higher than the state. In language arts we went from 45% to 78% and then in science we had 71% of students proficient. In 6th grade we went from 24% to 42%.

Dr. Reina said that this year teachers are giving small benchmarks at the beginning of the unit and at the end of the unit. This gives more frequent data, the questions follow the same format of the test. The students get familiar with the platform in the style of question.

Dr. Reina stated that overall there has been a lot of progress and growth since 2016 when they started the RISE testing, things are moving in the right direction, getting back where we would like to be this year.

Mr. Justis mentioned that in addition to the standards

**EBLS Data Review**

5. **Agenda Items for next meeting**
The members of the council decided to meet every other month over Zoom at 9AM.
   a. Timelines for School LAND Trust (Nate Justis)
   b. School Safety (Clint Farmer)

4. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 am. The next community council meeting will be via Zoom at 9am. November 14, 2022.