
Shoemaker School

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 25, 2016
2:30 in Room 124

AGENDA

1. Review and discuss Shoemaker's Mid-year Review of School Improvement Plan
 - ✓ Mrs. Riley talked about the Mid-year review in implementing the plan. Focus of Professional Learning Time has been on lesson planning and the development of Learning Targets, Criteria for Success, and the use of formative assessments. Mrs. Naples and Mrs. Wyatt provided examples from their classrooms.
2. Review REACH Reading Program Implementation
 - ✓ Mrs. Naples and Mrs. Wyatt talked about how they have implemented the REACH reading program. IT is rich in vocabulary and content. The cross curricular focus has been a real advantage in building students vocabulary and knowledge.
3. Camp Fire – Before School Program
 - ✓ Ms. Drezek stated that Camp Fire could put a before school program in with a smooth transition if given the okay. Mrs. Riley will check again with Dr. Latham.
4. PARCC/MCAS Testing Update
 - ✓ Mrs. Colella talked about the differences between MCAS and PARCC in terms of timing, language and complexity. Teachers will be provided information at the March staff meeting. PARCC requires more complex thinking skills and mirror the changes in curriculum and instruction taking place over the past couple years.
5. Integrated COACH – Mid Year check in
 - ✓ Mrs. Naples reported that this has been a positive experience. Parent feedback included positive comments as well as one concern about staffing at lunch. Mrs. Riley explained that lunch is not instructional so that the decision was made to use have classroom staff all have lunch when students have lunch. There have not been reports made to Mrs. Riley form the cafeteria. As incoming principal Mrs. Colella will follow up to see if there are issues at lunch time. She can make adjustments as needed.
6. Garden

- ✓ Mrs. Testa asked if there was a way to teach students more about food and the sustainability of the environment. She asked if it could be worked into curriculum and not be an add on. All agreed that it was a good idea. Mrs. Colella will talk with the Assistant Director of Curriculum – Science.
7. Next meeting
- ✓ The next meeting was scheduled for April 7. As there is no apparent agenda at this time, that meeting has been cancelled. If there is a need to meet, it will be rescheduled.