

School Improvement Council Meeting 1/ 19/16

- I. **Welcome – What’s New at Cobbet**
 - a. 50 New iPads- for UDL classrooms, professional development happening for Inclusion Teachers.
 - b. Scholastic Math Program- Fraction Nation Online program for 5th and advanced 4th graders. Fast Mast purchased for grades 2-5 and is a fluency based math computer program.
 - c. New social worker just hired. Brenda Pena. She will be starting in February
- II. **Math Extended Time for grades 1-5**
 - a. Math Extended Day for grades 1-5. Teachers will analyze data from TestWiz to select students from each grade level. They will plan lessons that help students master the standards.
 - b. Each new unit of focus will have a new group of students based off the TestWiz data.
- III. **Around the School**
 - a. Highlighted the Newspaper Club- they had their first digital issue. Students are posting stories, articles, interviews, pictures, and videos.
 - b. In June, we will host a Cobbet’s Got Talent night. New event
 - c. Student Council is working on building student leaders who also work in the community.
- IV. **Parent Opportunities**
 - a. Discussion on what else can we do to communicate with parents.
 - b. Highlighted the online school calendar and Cobbet Connector. Parents are using this tool more frequently.
 - c. ESL Classes by Catholic Charities just started back up. 57 parents signed up. 8:30-10:30 in the morning.
 - d. Lynn Community Enrichment Program Flyer handed out. It is a first come first serve basis, but offers programs to our families such as cooking, citizenship, cake decorating, introduction to blueprints, etc.
 - e. Monthly Parent Night hosted by social worker????? New idea. Would happen right at 8:30 as school was starting to make it more convenient for parents. Hosted coffee and munchkins. 8:30. Wednesday mornings?
- V. **PARCC**
 - a. Sample 4th grade assessment passed out that included 2 stories and an essay. Noticed the Part A and Part B questions. Lots of questions that build off each other. There is a lot of close reading and writing that goes on during the test
 - b. How to have success with PARCC? Need the texts or books that are in the green common core standards book. Quality books that our children are reading. The Reach tests also lend themselves to PARCC. Many of the tests starting in 2nd grade have students read two stories and compare them. DIBELS- start doing the retelling portion after reading. Making them think about what they are reading.
 - c. Data Wall that could focus on comprehension.