

**Education Committee Minutes**  
Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 6:30 PM  
Old Nokomis

**Members Present:** Mark Guzzi, Robin McNeil, Chad Stratton, Kathy Neil, David Cameron

**Members Absent:** Warren Shaw, Ryan Parker (excused), Jenny Watson (excused)

**Others Present:** Lori Merrow, Mike Hammer, Jane Stork, Kelly Burns, Marcia Boody

**I. Public Comment - None**

- II. Coaching Update** - Kelly Burns and Marcia Boody gave a detailed presentation regarding professional development delivered to Title 1 Staff at the middle school. They reported on the data as a result of the collaboration with Kelly and Marcia. The staff and Marcia worked with some of the students virtually.

The 45 identified students in 5th and 6th grade who were 2 or more grade levels behind made significant growth in reading. 100% of 5th grade students were reading at grade level expectations as of June 2021. This growth is also due to instructional support from the classroom teachers. In 6th grade, students made growth from 1 book level to 4 book levels.

- III. 2021 Kindergarten Jump Start (KJS) Program - Kelly Burns and Lori Merrow**  
Kelly and Lori reported out on the data from this summer's KJS program. This is provided to identified pre-K students that could use some extra support in literacy.

The program surpassed its goal of 80% attendance achieving 93% which is very important as this is a short, intensive, 25 day intervention. The program focuses on upper and lower case letter identification, letter sound fluency and book knowledge. Overall, 86% to 68% of the students met the benchmark for growth in all of these areas. Teachers can see the difference in students who participate in this program.

Lori and Jane also discussed the summer book mailings that help to keep our students reading throughout the year. The books are individually selected, and targeted to the reading level of the student. Robin expressed her interest in boost programs through at least 3rd grade. The lack of staff and the significant investment this requires makes it difficult to implement. We will use ESSER 3 funds for rigorous summer school enrichment programs.

**IV. Other - None**

**V. Future Agenda Items** - Garden Coordinator - Maggie Bloomenthal and Elementary Tech Coordinator - Amber Chamberlain (may need to be remote)

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hammer, Superintendent