

Simpson Elementary SBDM Council Minutes for October 14, 2014

The Simpson Elementary SBDM Council met on October 14, 2014, in the SES conference room at 4:45 pm. Those present included: Brandy Coates, Stacey Vaughn, Joyce Pais, Derek Huggins, Abby Raines, Bethanne Williams, Dawn Thomas and Cindy Burk.

The meeting was called to order by Joyce Pais, Principal. The agenda was approved by Dawn Thomas with a second by Bethanne Williams. Mrs. Pais presented the minutes from the September meeting. The minutes were approved by Derek Huggins with a second from Abby Raines.

Mrs. Pais informed the site base of the race to the top grant account balances. There is \$167.27 left from the grant for professional development which must be spent by the end of December 2014. From the second grant from Race to the Top, there is \$1,617.27 left to spend. From the FRSYC, there is \$3,133.31 left in the budget. This money has been set aside for Leader in Me activities for the students. There is an additional \$2,666.91 left in the budget for professional development. There is \$21,903.54 left in the budget for textbook money and \$15,882 left for ESS. Plans are in the works to purchase a new math textbook series with the money from textbooks and ESS monies. Teachers and administrators are currently looking at available products and further discussion will be done at the Learning Community Day on Nov. 4th for purchasing the new series. There is \$71,157.77 left in the Title 1 budget.

Next, Mrs. Pais discussed program reviews with the site base members. On the latest K Prep Scores, Simpson Elementary received the highest score in all categories: writing, Arts/Humanities and practical living. Meetings are now in progress to work on program reviews for the current school year.

K Prep scores were discussed next. Simpson Elementary saw an increase overall of 6.8%. There was a increase of 7.3% in reading scores and a slight decrease in math scores of 1.8%. Mrs. Pais informed board members that the percentage of kids on free/reduced lunch has increased to 70% at Simpson Elementary. The administration is continuing to work on increasing reading scores through: reading throughout the curriculum, phonics building, progress monitoring, expanding vocabulary, and expanding literacy/thinking strategies. There are strategies also in place in increase the math scores: problem solving with 1 and 2 step word problems, looking at deeper understanding of math thinking, continuing to incorporate standards for math practices and students using multiple strategies for

solving problems. Learning checks will continue to be administered to all students, the buddy system and mentoring will continue to be used with 3rd grade math students, and skills and drills will continue to be used with 3rd grade math students.

Dr. C left his position as assistant principal to take a position at Briarwood Elementary. Dr. Flynn transferred Josh Tuck from CIA at the Middle School to help Mrs. Pais. Currently, Mrs. Pais is the only administrator who can suspend or complete teacher observations. Mr. Tucker has completed his training over the old observation system and is currently working on the 50 hr. training for the new observation system. He is also working on getting his current administration certification. Mrs. Pais expressed that he has worked hard and has been a big help in his current position.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brandy Coates and seconded by Abby Raines.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Burk, Secretary
SES Site Base Council