

Simpson Elementary SBDM Council Minutes for March 25, 2014

The Simpson Elementary SBDM Council met on March 24, 2014, in the SES library. Those present included: Brandy Coates, Stacy Vaughn, Dawn Thomas, Joyce Pais, Celeste Jones, Bethanne Pardue, Cindy Burk, and Sherry Heath. Special guests included: Kathy Acre, Abby Raines, Katie Caudill, Carrie Mylor, Savannah Denning, Stacy Graves, Cindy Akin, Laura Doty, Heather Cassity, Kathleen Verj, Shelina Smith, Joey Kilburn, and Tami Bradford.

The meeting was called to order by Joyce Pais, Principal. The agenda was approved by Dawn Thomas with a second by Brandy Coates. Mrs. Pais presented the minutes from the February meeting. The minutes were approved by Brandy Coates with a second from Celeste Jones.

Mrs. Pais opened up the floor to public comment. The comments made were either defending keeping the full time guidance counselor position or for keeping the class sizes smaller and having a part time guidance position. The SBDM board took all these public comments into consideration when determining staffing needs for the 2014-15 school year.

Next, Mrs. Pais discussed that testing buddies, skill and drill groups, and ongoing evaluations would continued to be done after spring break with students to prepare for end of the year testing.

Then Ms. Pais presented the bell schedule for the 2014-15 school year. The schedule was approved by Cindy Burk and seconded by Celeste Jones.

Ms. Pais presented the budget necessities of the special area teachers. Mr. Ballard's and Ms. Pardue's proposed necessary budget needs were looked at and discussed. The PGES Observation list was presented by Ms. Pais for the next 6 years.

The staffing options were discussed for the 2014-15 school year. Based on the current budget that Site Base has been given, a decision had to be made rather the position of guidance counselor would be replaced when Tami Bradford retires on 3/28/14. Two options were presented by Joyce Pais.

Option #1-No change in the Guidance position and 29 teachers. There would be 9 in first, 9 in second, a split classroom of 1st and 2nd graders, and 10 third grade teachers.

Option #2-Part time guidance position, and 10 teachers in each grade. This would hit our supply fund, but it will be comparable to this year. This part-time position would be doing group guidance, program reviews, and ESL but the schedule would be different

because Chinese would be doing more next year.

After a lengthy discussion, it was voted 7-1 by the council members to select option #2. The SBDM board members agreed that they would like to be able to keep a full time guidance position and have the classroom size smaller, so this was a tough decision to make.

Items that need to be placed on the needs assessment were addressed. The top priority need was the hiring of an additional classroom certified staff teacher. Second on the list was an intervention teacher. Third on the list was the need for additional Math Whizz licenses for students. Fourth on the list, was the need for additional ipads, covers, and cart. Fifth on the list, was the need for the Resources for Common Core Series.

A motion was made by Brandy Coates to adjourn with a second from Bethanne Pardue.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Burk, Secretary