

Simpson Elementary SBDM Council Minutes for February 24, 2014

The Simpson Elementary SBDM Council met on February 24, 2014, in the school's conference room. Those present included: Brandy Coates, Stacy Vaughn, Dawn Thomas, Joyce Pais, Celeste Jones, Bethanne Pardue, Cindy Burk, and Joyce Pais.

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

The director of family resources for the elementary schools made a presentation detailing what it accomplishes. They address the needs of: full time child care, after school child care, summer care, family in training, family literacy which involves a joint effort with parents, a health component—with lice and dental care, educational support and homework assistance.

The SBDM budget was discussed at length. The motion to approve the budget was made by Dawn Thomas and seconded by Stacey Vaughn.

The projected number of students at SES for the 2014-15 school year is 663. The Simpson County Schools Certified and Classified Instructional and Non-Instructional allocation guidelines limit the size classroom for P1-P3 to 24. The 2014-15 allocations for each school allow for 1 principal, 3 certified support staff including the library media specialists and 29 certified staff. This leaves the site base council with the decision to either have 1 split class of 1st and 2nd grade students and fill the position of Guidance Counselor after Mrs. Bradford retires or not to fill the position of guidance counselor and not have to have a split classroom. The decision was made to consult other teaching staff and get their feedback about the importance of the guidance counselor position versus having to have 1 split classroom. The discussion will continue at the next site base meeting in March.

Items that need to be placed on the needs assessment were addressed. All site base members agreed that a reading and math intervention teacher were needed, more licenses for AR were needed, another teaching position, and a specialist to work with children with behavioral issues. The needs assessment will be addressed again at the next meeting after all council members have contemplated other school needs.

The parent members for site base council were elected during parent teacher conferences. Parent representatives will be Cindy Burk, Brandy Coates, and Derrick Huggins. Due to a tie for the second site base position, there will be 4 spots open for teachers during the teacher site base elections.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bethanne Pardue with a second from Dawn Thomas.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Burk, Secretary