

Title I District Meeting
May 22nd, 2013
TIPS Center

Agenda

- I. Welcome
- II. Review of Title I and Coordination with other Funds
 - a. Uses of Funds
 - b. Revisions from April Final Submission
- III. Anticipated Changes for 2013-2014
 - a. Sequester Effect: Decrease of Funds @ 5% to 8% for 2013-14 (\$30,135 cut UP TO \$48,216)
 - b. Other Fund Cut Threats (NSLA)
 - b. Program Cuts and Relief
Cuts: Language Enrichment, Elem Math Facilitator
Relief: TLI, Compass Learning, HIPPY
- IV. Discussion & Input on Projects and Programs
 - a. CES focus on Science
 - b. CMS needs
 - c. District Focus
- V. Discussion & Input on Parental Involvement
 - a. Levels of Parental Engagement this year
 - b. Suggestions for improvements
- VI. Wrap-up

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Minutes

Damon Dean thanked everyone for attending, both those staying from the earlier CES and CLC Title I meeting and those who came in from CMS and the community for the District Title I meeting. He asked if everyone had signed in and passed the sign-in list around. Twenty-four persons were in attendance, including four parents and twenty district staff and faculty.

Mr. Dean noted that the district had just undergone a Federal and State Categorical Funds Monitoring Review, where the team from the ADE visited to observe evidence of compliance with all federal and state categorical requirements. He noted that the review team was amazed at how smoothly and quickly the review was completed, with no findings whatsoever. He stated he was proud of the work principals, teachers, staff, and facilitators put into the process to be ready for the successful review.

Mr. Dean then reviewed the year's use of funds and revisions from the most recent April final submission, which he said has had substantial approval. He highlighted spreadsheets which showed the focus and use of funds through the year, along with changes and re-allocation of some funds from the final revision. Various projects and programs were explained.

Anticipated changes for 2013-14 funding were discussed, with Mr. Dean noting that cuts could be 5% to 8% for next year, which translated to between \$30,135 to \$48,216. He noted other cuts that might affect how Title I is used, such as the uncertainty of NSLA funding for the following year (2014-15). He noted that the most recent RIF effort, combined with cuts and relief in Title I funded programs, were needed as a district response to fiscal distress warnings. He noted that some of the Title I project changes were cuts (eliminated programs) and others were relief (discontinuation of program expenses) that resulted in freeing funds for reallocation next year to needed supplemental projects.

New projects for both school were discussed, with CES and CMS teachers and principals offering input.

Parental engagement was then discussed, and it was noted that good engagement was visible at both elementary and middle school levels. He asked for suggestions for improvement, then reiterated that a certain amount of funds were required to be budgeted for parental engagement, and urged teachers and principals to be aware that those funds were available. He also cautioned that federal funding could be used to supplement, but not supplant, programs that were required by state code and regulations. He gave examples of the difference.

After asking for further comments, he thanked the group for attending and for their input, asking for continued input as the planning goes forward for the 2013-2014 year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.