

Lakeridge Community Council
November 8, 2016

Attending: Thania Budd, Becky Caldwell, Randy Evans, Ryan Rocque, LaNell Brown, Kathi Strong, Kevin Rich, Silvia Lobendahn, Jenna Wood, Kathy Knudsen, Holly Peterson, Rochelle Anderson, Edy Buss.

Excused: Sterling Hilton, Roger Harrison. Absent: Cretia Tinsley

Norm Review: Special attention was drawn to making sure that we follow the agenda at all times, being sure not to stray off task.

Teacher Presentation: Rachel Mattice – Curriculum Team Leader for Math Department. According to last year's SAGE Test scores, Math students dropped in every subject. Using SAGE Test information, the department is able to identify where the most critical needs are, and what needs to happen to get our students where they need to be. Most of the problem stems from teacher experience. There has been a big turn-over in teachers during the last few years. Last year we lost 19 total years of teacher experience in the Math department. During the current year we have 3 new teachers, 2 of which are first year teachers, equaling a total of 13 total years of missing experience. Lakeridge's data actually reflects the districts data. Our Math departments focus this year lies heavily on 8th grade, as all future classes build on Algebra, which they are just beginning to learn. Improving our SAGE scores would take building a team environment to encourage retention, and supporting our 8th grade classes by providing Lab classes. This would provide our most at-risk students with a daily math class, giving them more success.

Highest Academic needs by department were discussed (attached). The most common need throughout the departments is technology.

Student Led Conference Data was discussed. Data will be presented to the council next month.

Scheduling is an item of concern that we would like to discuss further.

Teacher Presentation: Ben Carter – Curriculum Team Leader for English Department. Reading Plan for Improvement is Reading skills assessments (CORE), Lightsail (Reading Level/Comprehension), Lexia (Fundamental reading ability and diagnosis), literary analysis, critical thinking and enrichment for reading and writing). SAGE data with and without Newsela was compared, noting that with Newsela test scores are significantly higher. The English department is asking for a Newsela program for 8th grade to improve tracking student data, providing intervention, and instruction.

Revised FY17 Trustland Budget was discussed (attached). Changes were a wrong amount from the original allotment (line 3), Professional Development overnight travel and conference registration was placed incorrectly in fieldtrips for students. Motion was made to vote on Budget changes, seconded, and voted on unanimously.

Conference Proposal: PLC Conference will be held in February in Phoenix, sponsored by Solution Tree. 7 teachers will attend, along with Kathy Knudsen.

Discussion was held regarding the two proposals made before the council (English-Newsela and from October, Health iPads).

Discussion then Motion was made to provide Health classes with 1 IPAD. Proposal was seconded, and then voted on unanimously.

Proposal was made for Newsela for the 8th grade English classes, and discussion was held. Motion was made, seconded, and voted on unanimously.

Committee Breakouts:

Public Relations – Silvia, Rochelle, Ryan, LaNell, Kathi

School Culture – Becky, Randy, Thania, Edy

Academic Development – Kevin, Jenna, Kathy, Holly

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016