

School Council Meeting

November 30, 2021

Members Present

Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Mize, Mr. Matthews, Mrs. Manzka

Meeting began 4:37pm.

Welcome

Mr. Wilson welcomed the council members in attendance. Everyone introduced themselves to one another.

MAP Testing

Mr. Wilson shared a goal sheet to the council to show how parents and teachers can see how the test sets goals for students to reach based on their prior test. Map test is a nationally ranked test that is standardized and not based off a student's IQ. Students will test in Reading, Math, and ELA. Map is used as a testing tool through 10th grade. In elementary years, the growth can be measured as high as 8-10 points. As the student reaches closer to 10th grade, the growth can be 1 point. Mr. Wilson shared Colby's student report to show the council how the test tracks a student's growth through the school years. Students are ranked by a RIT score and data shows that the higher RIT scores in Map shows the better a student's score will be on ACT and SAT testing.

Russell Elementary had the highest growth on MAP testing in the district last year.

Map testing begins Thursday at Russell Elementary. The test will be taken again in May, 2022.

I-Ready

I-Ready assessments will be in January for K-5 students. Students need to be working diligently in the program for at least 30 minutes a week in both math and reading. In the month of October, 40% of Russell's students met the growth set for the school year. As the year continues, the hope is to have more students reach that goal.

Reflex

Reflex is a math program used in grades 1-5. Students are able to build their math fluency either at home or school. Students should be earning at least 3 green lights a week.

Concerns

The county pays for I-Ready. Russell pays for Reflex. Russell was given a budget of \$23,000 for tutoring. The money was given to Russell by the county from covid federal money. Tutoring is currently taking place in grades 2-5. A portion of the \$23,000 has been set aside for Saturday school for grades 3-5 once it gets closer to Milestones Testing.

Mr. Wilson allotted money from Title One Funds to pay for two intervention paraprofessionals to help teachers work with students who need intervention on specific skills. Mr. Wilson believes money should be spent on student learning.

Holiday Season

Russell staff is currently participating in purchasing gifts for students from the Angel Tree. These students are students who have been identified as students in need.

December 8-Pancakes with Santa Letters will go home December 1, and money will be taken to purchase tickets beginning December 3. Mr. Wilson is opening the event to the first 150 families.

December 14-Polar Express. There will be hot chocolate stations and cookies for all. Everyone is welcome to wear their pajamas. There will also be a fundraiser for the fitness club this day too.

December 17-½ day of school for students. Dismissal will begin at 12:30.

Open Discussion

Dr. Scott is leaving the decision to the administration of each school on how and when they will begin to open their school. Mr. Wilson is ready for parents to be back in the school.

Mr. Matthews expressed that he is happy that things are starting to happen at Russell again and that the school is moving forward with allowing parents back in the school.

Mr. Lee donated \$2000 and Mr. Wilson is planning to add \$3-4,000 to Mr. Lee's donation to improve the school's nature center. Mr. Wilson asked the council for suggestions on what to include in the improvement.

Mr. Wilson also stated he would like to see Russell reinstate a school PTO. He mentioned that PTO's can be a positive influence in a school.

Next meeting is January 20, 2022 at 4:30 in the Russell Elementary's media center. If someone from the council has anything to add to the agenda, let Mr. Wilson know.

Meeting adjourned 5:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Mize