

School Council Meeting

January 20, 2022

Members Present

William Wilson, Janet Mize, Jaqueline Randall, LaPorsche Cannon, Casey Matthews

Meeting began at 4:32pm.

Mr. Wilson explained that I-station is more of an intervention program and I-Ready is a standards based program used for distance learners.

I-station Data- I station was not offered to distance learners because the county is monitoring student performance. On the reports, the students in red are in need of intervention, yellow are the bubble students, and green students are working on grade level. As a school, Russell has made significant gains in Math. Mr. Wilson shared Lexile results for third grade. I-station provides resources for teachers when preparing small group work for students. A quantile report for 3rd grade math went up 225 points.

I-Ready Data- I-Ready is for distance learners. I-ready shows the break down on how the student meets the standard. I-ready could have a 2nd grade student working on skills for 3rd or 4th grade depending how they are performing in the program. The program actually assesses the students and places them where they need to be based on their needs.

Milestones- Testing is in April. There will be no retesting for students this year. This year's results will be used as a baseline.

Concerns for the Council-

For school year 2021-2022, I-station will cost \$18,673 and I-Ready will cost \$21,000.

Mr. Wilson meets every 6 weeks with the county's central office and he has reason to brag on Russell Elementary. Mr. Wilson showed a summary report that shows Russell had extremely high growth. Russell had the highest growth in the county across all areas first through fifth grade. Maps assessment is a standard based assessment but does not offer resources for teachers. Next Maps assessment will be in May. All students, including kindergarten, will be assessed.

Mr. Wilson brought up his child's report on maps to show parents what a report looks like.

Mrs. Cannon asked for a printed report for her children. Mr. Wilson suggested she come by the school and he will print her a copy.

Mr. Matthews- What will the return rate be for students returning in August from distance learning? How will we close the gaps from this year?

There was a survey sent to distance learning parents asking what they were thinking for next year. The county is hoping to pull all distance learners to a WIN Academy and out of their brick and mortar school. Middle school students haven't been as successful with distance learning as other grade levels. Elementary students been more successful because of attendance and parent support.

The e-splost passed. This means \$190 million for the Houston County school district.

Russell will need a new roof in the near future and Mr. Wilson has asked for more lighting around the parking areas for safety.

Meeting adjourned at 5:22pm.

Future Meeting Dates- All meetings will begin at 4:30pm.

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