

Shared Decision Making Committee Meeting (SDMC)

September 17, 2015

SDMC Minutes

Attendance: Alan Van Cott, Aimee Campbell, Terry Scammell, Barbara Albright, Lorena Strunk, Diana Payne and Darienne Sutton

- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:45 pm
- II. Mr. Van Cott welcomed all in attendance and introductions followed.
- III. Mr. Van Cott distributed copies of the recently approved Shared Decision Making Committee Plan (SDMC) and reviewed contents with all. A major difference in the plan for the next two years will be consistent membership of two parents (1 resident, 1 non-resident). While all parents and community members are invited to attend each meeting, these two individuals will serve as a consistent parent voice for the current school year. The other major change is reflected in the current calendar with meetings held every other month.
- IV. Mr. Van Cott shared information to the many improvements and upgrades that have taken place since July 1, 2015. Early childhood sized tables and chairs along with other age appropriate equipment and furniture have been purchased and installed as we have expanded our program to include Kindergarten.

Mrs. Campbell shared additional information about these renovations as well as information regarding curriculum updates. Our new building-wide English Language Arts (ELA) Program is aligned with the Common Core Curriculum.

Mrs. Campbell added new information regarding parent drop off and parking areas that should help address concerns with this activity from last year.

Finally, Mrs. Campbell provided details about a new program that will invite parents into the school to share holiday traditions and activities with our students. This will take the place of our mystery readers program for this school year.

- V. Mr. Van Cott shared information in regards to the CORE Six initiative. This researched based program was implemented last year and is designed to help build skills that children can utilize to be successful with the Common Core Curriculum . This year we will implement the second of six skill sets...entitled Compare and Contrast. This follows last year's skill of Reading For Meaning.

- VI. Information regarding the possibility of upgrading our playground for the 2016-2017 school year was discussed. As our instructional program becomes Kindergarten through third grade, our playground should be modified to meet the needs of this younger age group. More information will follow at a future meeting.
- VII. A discussion followed regarding social studies, homework, and assigned reading for all students.
- VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The Date of the next meeting has been scheduled for November 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.