

Longbranch Elementary School SBDM Council

Regular Meeting March 7, 2017

Called to order at 4:30 pm in the Media Center at Longbranch by Ms. Erika Bowles. Ms. Lisa Fischer, Ms. Stacie Kegley, Ms. Amy Knight, Mr. Casey Seibert, Ms. Nitza Fernandez- Plaski, Ms. Sonja Bessong and Ms. Beth Cahill were present. There was no audience of citizens.

1. Opening Business
 - a. Agenda approval – Motion to approve by Ms. Cahill and seconded by Ms. Bessong. Motion passed by consensus.
 - b. Approval of Prior Minutes – Motion to approve By Ms. Kegley and seconded by Ms. Knight. Motion passed by consensus.
 - c. Public Comment – None

2. Budget Report – Ms. Bowles would like SBDM to fund training for teachers on the Daily Five program. Training is online and \$149.00. The Daily Five program helps student develop lifelong habits. It helps teacher’s structure literacy time where students have a choice. (Student led learning TLIM). It is going to be implemented district wide. CAFÉ (comprehension, accuracy, fluency, and vocabulary) helps teachers assess, instruct and monitor students’ progress. The Daily Three which is the math program in this series helps students choose math writing, math with someone and math by myself. SBDM will look into funding Daily Three for next school year.

3. Consolidated School Improvement Plan Report
 - a. Goal 3: Novice Reduction – Ms. Bowles discussed some of the strategies we are using to reach our goal. PTA will be more like a PTO (Parent Lighthouse Team). Instructional events like winter reading night and trunk or treat. Also WIGS (Wildly Important Goals) which are school wide are being met with gusto.

4. Program Review Report/Approval
 - a. First Read of 2017 Program Review. - Ms. Kegley motion to approve first read of 2016-2017 program review. Ms. Cahill seconded and the motion passed by consensus.

5. Policy Review

a. Homework Policy Revision –

Team Leaders still reviewing homework recovery policy. Some suggestions were:

- Drop in homework help offered before and after school
- Standard base grading
- Students spend too much time on homework with little benefit
- Parents do not always understand homework so they cannot help

6. New Business -

a. Allocations/Staffing for 17-18 – A handout was provided with project enrollment and allocations for certified staff and classified staff. There is no change in Certified staffing with an allocation for a World Language Teacher. Full day kindergarten is going to be offered to the bottom 20% of students only. There are cuts to special education para positions district wide.

b. Budget- revisit next meeting

c. School Start Time Adjustment 2017-2018 – Ms. Bowles motion to approve school start time from 8:55 to 8:40 for the 2017-2018 school year. Ms. Knight seconded and the motion passed by consensus. A letter requesting a change in start time will be sent to Mr. Mike Ford.

7. Old Business

a. Calendar Exchange days for 2017-2018 – Staff will vote this week and report back.

8. Adjournment – Ms. Fernandez- Plaski motioned to adjourn at 5:47 pm and was seconded by Ms. Cahill. Motioned passed by consensus.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Ellen Vollet, Counsel Secretary