

Delta North Elementary – A Title 1 School
School Community Council Minutes – 2/7/17

Present: Delna Bliss, Nikki Bliss, Janae Lovell, and Dailene Anderson

The committee went over the data from the Winter SAGE Interim testing. It showed growth and improvement.

The current school improvement plan was reviewed. The committee was made aware of the goals the school has been working on for the 2016-17 school year. The school will continue to work on them for next year. The school is participating with the State Board of Education in the Assessment to Achievement program. The Evidence Based Instructional Strategy the school chose to work on was metacognition. The staff has provided training on this to the staff. The teachers are now rewriting the school goals in student-friendly language. These goals are based on areas Delta North scored low in on the SAGE 2016 Summative test. They are: Reading Literature Standard 1: Students are to use multiple strategies to successfully explain what the text says by rereading and finding evidence within the text that supports the inferences made in their reading. The school will focus on Number Operations – Fractions Standard: Students will be able to compare fractions, use fractions on a number line, and add/subtract fractions – depending on the grade level.

The School Land Trust Budget for 2017-18 was reviewed. The state increased the amount by 30%. Delta North will have \$52,000 to use for next year.

Nikki Bliss gave positive feedback on the use of Accelerated Reader. The committee agreed that money should be used for the dance teacher (\$7,000), instructional assistants (\$25,800), and Accelerated Reader (\$4,500). There was a balance of \$14,800. Dailene Anderson moved that we spend that money on an additional Chrome Book lab and printers for each grade level. Janae Lovell seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous.

Mrs. Bliss will get the proposal ready and present to the board on March 9th.

The Second Family STEAM Night was announced for March 30th. The focus will be on having family classes.

There was a discussion about the possibility of the District beginning a dual immersion program. Delna Bliss explained a little about the program and mentioned the District is looking at all the pros and cons of having such a program. The District will take input from parents and teachers before making a decision.

It was announced the District had approved an additional fourth grade class for the next year. Mrs. Deb Anderson is retiring so the school will be hiring two new teachers – one for fourth grade and one for fifth grade.

Due to the recent cases of head lice at Delta North, parents have expressed concern on how they be notified. Dailene Anderson made a motion to have the school send home a letter with students in the class where lice is discovered on the day it is found. Delna Bliss seconded it. All voted in favor of that. The District has certain letters and information pamphlets about head lice for parents. The school will use that information in the correspondence to families. Dailene Anderson would like to have a school-wide head check once a year. Mrs. D. Bliss will look in to the matter with the school nurse.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 7, 2017 at 3:30.