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"Our School, Where Children and Learning Come First"

School Based Planning Team Agenda and Minutes

Meeting Date: October 12, 2023

Meeting Time: 3:45-4:45

Agenda Items:

- I. Sign off on previous meeting's minutes
- II. Genius Hour
- III. Science and Social Studies Days
- IV. Technology Use During Readers' Workshop
- V. New Business

Roles:

Facilitator: R. Burns

Timekeeper: L. Garrow

Minutes: L. Oliver

Members Present:

Kerry Hall

Lauren Gauvin

Tracy Buttars

Lisa Garrow

Rob Burns

Jennifer Osborne

Michele Michel

Jill Francis

Christin Babcock

Minutes:

I. Sign off on previous meeting's minutes

II. Genius Hour

Some constituents voiced some concerns:

Genius Hour Questions/Concerns:

1. How are teachers getting their full breaks?
2. How are students getting their scheduled specials when some specials are mandated? (taking off 5 minutes per block doesn't work)
3. What is being taken out of the regular schedule to accommodate an hour of time?
4. Who is providing funds/materials?
5. How is it going to work with some staff leaving 15 minutes early?
6. Planning needs to be done during Wednesdays after school PDs.
7. What is the dismissal process going to look like?
8. How are we going to safely transition and take attendance?
9. What happens when there is no substitute, and the students are split into other classrooms?
10. What is going to happen to those MTSS intervention groups that have intervention at the end of the day?
11. Are special services being canceled?

SBPT voted to having Genius Hour on our half days from 9:30-11:30. The results were a tie:

Admin.- yes, RTA- yes, parent- no and RAP- no.

SBPT members will be taking it to their constituents for a vote.

Constituent representatives are as follows:

Jill Francis -Pre-K teachers

Lisa Oliver - K and 1st teachers

Tracy Buttars- 2-4, Specials

Lauren Gauvin and Kerry Hall 3, 5, 6

Jennifer Osborne- Related Services

Michele Michel- TOA's

These SBPT members will ask their constituents to vote on having Genius Hour 9:30-11:30 on half days. This would consist of taking attendance before students left their classrooms and breaking into grade bands of K-2, 3-4, 5-6. ASD classes would work within their own cohort.

If the constituents vote yes, L. Garrow will meet with the Genius Committee and create the groups for October 27th. The planning for Genius Hour would then be on Wednesday, October 18th. Funding and materials will be discussed with the Genius Hour Committee. All classes are expected to participate in Genius Hour.

III. Science and Social Studies Days

The SBPT unanimously voted to teach SS and Science as follows:

A/B Days Science

C/D Days SS

Please be sure these days are noted in your plans.

IV. Technology Use During Readers' Workshop

Currently, the only students who should be on technology during Reader's Workshop are those students who are with a teacher group during Reading intervention. This is so that those children can get their iReady minutes.

SBPT voted unanimously to add technology as a rotation so long as it includes computer based testing such as Lumio or Next Star, which is the mock test and typing practice. Typing practice on Typing.com, found in Roconnect should begin in 2nd grade to prepare children for the State Tests in third grade and up. Not all children will be on technology as per the guidance document

V. Test Prep

Test prep must be noted in lesson plans in all grade levels. Math teachers can use their math flex day. ELA teachers should use their writer's block once a week. In addition to the current test guidance, during this time, children in grades 2-6, should be practicing filling in bubble sheets, typing skills, using RACE to answer questions, multiple choice and showing your work while answering math problems.

VI. New Business

Test Prep- SBPT voted to practice mock state tests.

RTA- no

Admin. - no

Parent- no

RAP- yes

