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SBDM Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2014 - BCHS Library

Members in Attendance: Mark Raleigh, Marty Steele, Alison Sutton, Jill Wessman, Jennifer Ensley and Jane Cahill

1. Opening Business

A) Agenda for tonight's meeting was reviewed & amended to include ESS Budget Report. Alison Sutton motioned to accept the agenda, seconded by Jill Wessman. Consensus.

B) Minutes from August 21, 2014 meeting were reviewed & approved with two amendments, Jill Wessman was present on August 21, and insert "approved" School Safety Plan under #5. Motion to accept minutes with amendments was made by Jennifer Ensley, seconded by Jane Cahill, consensus.

C) Good News Reports – Concession sales at the home football games have been great. Science Department received a \$5,000 Innovation Grant.

D) Public Comment - Three community members present: Terry and Marge Donoghue and Bernie Kunkel.

Mr. & Mrs. Donoghue are here to receive a response to their second objection to the book, *The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison*, being available in our library. Mr. Donoghue's objection to the book is that it is pornographic and obscene. Mr. Kelly Read and Ms. Mary Birkenhauer were present representing the Ad Hoc Committee that ruled on his previous objection and to provide further explanation as to the committee's decision. Mr. Read explained that the committee was comprised of an administrator, the school librarian, two parents and two teachers. The committee followed established guidelines for determining if a book (in its entirety) would be considered pornographic and found that this book is not pornographic. Mr. Read acknowledged there is rough language and disturbing content that would not be suitable or acceptable for some students. Mr. Read explained that all students have the option of requesting an alternate reading if the content of an assigned reading is objectionable to them. He further conveyed that the book is available because it is part of the AP curriculum and our AP students benefit greatly from its availability since content from this book has appeared on the AP exam numerous times. Mr. Kunkel made a comment about Mr. Read having "different values" than these community members and that he felt it was a shame that we have public school teachers "like that". Mr. Donoghue requested that we provide another written explanation of the committee's decision to him. His mailing address is 1619 Battery Circle, Hebron KY 41048.

## 2. Student Achievement

A) STAR testing update – all 9<sup>th</sup> graders are tested three times during the school year. First, to establish their baseline for Reading and Math. Then, two more times to assess their growth throughout the school year. There needs to be a discussion and clarification of the benchmark percentage settings used both for predicting College & Career Readiness and for monitoring RTI progress. The previous percentage of 67% has been found to be not high enough for CCR predictions and too high for RTI monitoring. We will revisit this information once ongoing discussions have provided new benchmarking data.

## 3. Planning

A) KDE Closing the Achievement Gap report was provided to all council members. The plan for closing the achievement gap is included in the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan, but is now also published as a separate report to KDE. The report outlines the steps taken by our school to attempt to close the achievement gap. Motion to accept the plan was made by Marty Steele, seconded by Jane Cahill. Consensus.

4. Budget Report – A. Members received and reviewed the August Budget Report. Motion to accept Budget Report was made by Jennifer Ensley, seconded by Jillian Wessman, consensus.

B. Revised SBDM Worksheet – circulated for members' signatures, revised to reflect the personnel positions already in place.

C. SBDM Board Money Allocation Budget Worksheet along with

D. Fee Budget Worksheet – reflects the fees actually collected along with the budget projected from last year, which will result in a shortfall for most departments between the amounts budgeted and the amounts actually available once board money is received. Council discussed moving \$1,000 of money originally allocated for Math Dept to Social Studies Dept. Motion was made by Jennifer Ensley, seconded by Alison Sutton, consensus.

E. CD Fund Plan – The school has a \$25,000 CD that will mature at the end of the month. Council recommends the funds to continue to rollover to be utilized for emergency needs in the future. Any interest earned is transferred to the General Fund. Motion to accept made by Marty Steele, seconded by Jill Wessman, consensus.

F. ESS School Allocation report was distributed to and reviewed by all council members. Motion to accept was made by Alison Sutton, seconded by Jane Cahill, consensus.

5. New Business A. Young Pearl's Club proposal received from Krista Kohl. Club aimed towards African American girls focusing on leadership, community involvement and college readiness. Discussion among council members included this club's similarity to already established Grace Kelly Girls' club and it's exclusion of whole groups of students. Council members felt more information was needed prior to any decision. Request was tabled pending additional information

Motion to adjourn by Alison Sutton, seconded by Jillian Wessman, consensus.

Next Meeting date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014  
Time & Place: 6:30 p.m. BCHS Library