

Mill Creek Community Council Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2017

The GSD Bond passed. Thanks to all who supported it.

Discussed student attendance numbers:

- Could we do more to get kids in the classroom but not encourage sick kids to come?
- Some students seem to give up after they can no longer get perfect attendance
- Consider monthly award for perfect attendance
- Also need to work on parents who think school is optional
- We have an award system but it is cumulative and not just attendance, need to single out attendance so reward is more specific
- Would be good to have it reset every month, could still do yearly but need something that resets

Discussed student performance:

- Dee says we are doing really good to reach benchmarks, can show data evidence that we've been doing better than last year.
- School City (computer program) and DIBELS do good job to help narrow focus areas to work on and helps organize what classrooms need, what to teach different
- Combo of test taking and teaching students where assessment shows issues

SSAP - Action Items:

- PLCs are working well
- Small groups – in progress, works great in 1st
- In K we're doing progress monitoring, teachers are assessing individual and Dee is teaching whole group, if that doesn't work they get tested for SE
- DIBELS fidelity is better than last year
- DIBELS will follow you everywhere but Benchmarks are specific to Granite

Parent/Community Engagement:

- Newsletters are going out to parents every week, Sunday e-mails
- Teachers are supposed to be sending weekly emails, not sure this is happening, hard to monitor
- New material on website thanks to Tiffany
- Parent Volunteers eg. Miles Pierce's grandfather is in Wessman's classroom every week – he gets series of sight words to work on with kids, the parents get trained on how to do teaching tasks such as one-on-one with students
- However, need more parent volunteers – may be a weak spot
- Need to put out call for specific tasks so isn't a generic list
- Could ask parents to help with field trip costs for kids who can't pay, could be useful way for busy parents to contribute

Student Behavior:

- “Educator’s Handbook” works well – can enter in specific infractions so can see if there is a pattern, can also see if happens in other classes
- Also tells about how many reports particular teacher puts up

Overall compared to last year:

- More peaceful since no splits
- Teachers are more focused on data than last year
- Enrollment dropped: What kind of students did we lose? We lost some high achievers. Parents frustrated because of the splits. Some went to Penn, some Spring Lane
- However, we’ve gotten some kids back. But we have some work to do.
- 1st grade numbers are small for DLI which is concerning for cohort

All members voted to approve SSAP plan