

## SIC Meeting Minutes- October 24, 2018

Meeting began at 7:10 am

Mike Pratt- Principal at Banks Trail Middle School

Mr. Pratt spoke about the changes in the GT (Gifted and Talented) program at the middle school level. GT students will continue with ELA and Math instruction at the GT level but Science and Social Studies classes will be heterogeneous. This will mirror the current GT program we have at the elementary level.

Some of the reasons behind this change:

- Students qualify for the GT program based on their Math and ELA scores and not in Science or Social Studies.
- The Science and Social Studies instructional standards are the same for all students in each grade level.
- The changes in the GT program would help our curriculum be more in alignment with the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform and with the goals of the Profile of the SC Graduate.

An added benefit is better/easier class scheduling options for students.

Jackie Pollard presented information about the PLC (Professional Learning Communities) in our school. She spoke about the positive culture and the impact the collaboration is having on the schools. Teachers are meeting weekly with their teams to address curriculum standards, common assessments, student interventions, etc. Teachers are looking at student data once per month to continuously monitor student progress and improvement.

Kristy Swigunski and Brandy Heisler spoke about the 4 Essential Questions that teachers are using to drive their focus in these meetings. The 4 questions are:

1. What do we want students to know or be able to do? (Curriculum/Standards)
2. How will we know if they've learned it? (Assessment)
3. What will we do if they don't know it? (Intervention)
4. What will we do if they already know it? (Enrichment)

They also spoke about the Dragon Academy and mentoring program held each summer to help new teachers become acclimated to our school, which allows them to hit the ground running.

General discussion about test scores and the MAP tests. There is a cheat sheet on the school website to explain the results and Adam Fantone will put something together to help communicate the information to parents.

Adam Fantone presented Test scores and Data from last year compared to this year. Third graders were tested in Math and ELA. Fourth graders were tested in Math, ELA and Science and 5th graders were tested in Math, ELA and Social Studies.

The scores were broken down into student subgroups for the purpose of obtaining better data regarding trends and specific populations that may need intervention.

Compared to the other elementary schools in the Fort Mill School District, we ranked 2nd out of 9 for ELA and 3rd out of 9 for Math.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 28.