

DBES SIC Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 24, 2019
Meeting called to order at 7:33 am

Mrs. Kubbs reported that Discovery Education is in the building today to observe and film several classrooms in action. Mrs. Heisler reported that both Kindergarten and Mrs. Corley-Moore's class with 2nd grade were to be observed. There would also be peer learning labs where 4 STEM teachers open their classroom to their peers. All grade levels will observe with their teams during their planning period. The goal is to further develop the STEAM culture at DBES.

Discovery Ed is visiting to see how STEM is being utilized in the K-5 classrooms. Their goal is to spark interest in STEM careers in younger students.

Mrs. Kubbs reported that we are maintaining our enrollment of 1015 students. It is presumed that the enrollment freeze will carry into the next school year. Kindergarten enrollment for 2019-2020 is already frozen and our current overflow school, Springfield, is also reaching capacity. There is a possibility that a second overflow school (Riverview) may be utilized.

All present team members read through and reviewed the rough draft of the SIC report to parents. The purpose of this report is to inform families how we're meeting the SIC goals and plans. In addition, there will be a performance progress report section; showing SC Ready scores and potentially other assessments. The final copy of this report is due on Tuesday, April 30. It will be posted on our school SIC website, as well as the state education website. It was mentioned that this could be posted in both the SIC section and Parent Resources section on our DBES website.

Mrs. McCarter confirmed and reviewed plans for the Bridge to the Trail night hosted by the SIC. Celia McCarter contacted the BTMS PTO, Jenna Petri is working on securing the food trucks. The food trucks will be stationed in the bus loop and we can place signs to direct families. There is some concern that we have not given parents enough notice of this event. Student ambassadors will be present to open doors. Childcare will be provided for children infant to 4th grade. Location still to be determined but possibly front playground, Art or Music room or Media Center.

Jenna Petri created a flier and will be posted to the 5th grade/rising 6th grade Facebook page. Mrs. Kubbs will do a robo call on Monday to remind parents of the event.

We will also do a (Star Wars themed/BTMS Spirit) basket to raffle off to attendees and keeping with the BTMS Star Wars theme will also have Star Wars music playing as the students enter.

Discussion about doing the Pledge of Allegiance and the need to have a flag in the Cafeteria for the meeting.

Speakers will include Mrs. Kubbs, Mr. Fantone, Jenna Petri, current 6th grade students, several parents and possibly the BTMS guidance counselors. Celia McCarter is still working on establishing contact with them. Jenna Petri will contact local media to inform town about this event.

Mrs. Corley-Moore surveyed the 5th graders to gather questions that are on their minds regarding middle school. There were over 40 questions submitted. Current 6th grade students will pass the microphone to share their experiences and answer the questions.

It was determined that it is not necessary to send a survey to parents regarding their plans to eat or utilize the childcare provided. No RSVP will be required to attend the event.

All SIC members should try to attend this event on Wednesday, May 1 at 5:30.

Calendar of upcoming events at DBES:

4/26 Volunteer Appreciation & Spring Fling

5/1 Bridge to the Trail event

5/2 PTO meeting

5/6 ELPD Graduation

5/8 End of Year testing begins

5/10 Middle School visits

5/23 & 5/24 Biz Town for 5th grade

5/30 Field Day make-up

6/4 5th grade promotion ceremony

Our next meeting will be May 8th and Dr. Schmolze will be speaking.