

Alignment Elementary Committee Meeting  
Thursday, May 1, 2014 9:00am-10:30am  
Location: JPS Professional Development Room  
Facilitator: Shawna Davie United Way  
Recorder: LaKisha Boykin, Alignment Jackson

**Members Present**

Vera Johnson  
William Merritt  
Amber May  
Kelly Butler  
Michelle King

Lucy Barton  
Ashley Melancon  
Kimberly Smith  
Chauncey Spears

**Members Absent**

Kristina Gaylor  
Jeanette Whisenton  
Patty Furr  
Kesia Horton  
Michael Weaver  
Dr. Mitchell Shears  
Ingrid Adams  
Chavanne McDonald

**Alignment Meeting commenced at 9:11a.m.**

Dr. Michelle King opens meeting with a welcome

For familiarity purposes each person introduced themselves by giving their name, title, and place of employment.

We have new members and we are honored to welcome Penny King and Patty Furr.

**COSEBOC Discussion**

Last week we were at COSEBOC which was very important for JPS.

COSEBOC is the coalition of schools educating boys of color. The mission of the Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color is to connect, inspire, support and strengthen school leaders dedicated to the social, emotional and academic development of boys and young men of color. The sessions included testimonies which were very insightful and profound. The Call me MISTER program at JSU sponsor African-American male students who want to be teachers and provide them with full scholarships.

How do we address the financial piece for male teachers? The entire family is looking at you to support the family. How do we help students in the program become nationally board certified? We can create a partnership between the cities so that housing is not such an issue.

How do we esteem the occupation of the teaching profession?

### **Barksdale Study**

- Barksdale along with Hank Bounds will conduct a study of all 15 MS Universities. In the study they will sit in the classroom and observe how the universities are teaching reading to upcoming teachers. As the times are changing we have to move with the times and prepare our teachers. It is very unfair to send them into the classroom unprepared.
- We did this 5 years ago and learned that not all schools were teaching the elements of reading
- The research will start on the university campuses in the fall and next spring.
- An Alignment Jackson committee could be created in the future and we could bring people to the table from colleges and universities.

### **Review of the Principles and Approval of the Minutes**

- Recommendation made to table Review Principles and Approval of the Minutes on the Agenda.
- Kelly makes the motion to table two and three on the Agenda and Michelle seconds the motion for approval.

### **Technology and Portal Update**

- **Please register on the portal as soon as possible**
- **Register your organizations. Please contact LaKisha Boykin with any questions.**

### **ITP options**

1. We can send the really thick packet for an ITP work around
2. We can get the technology fixed so that you can view the invitation to participate

Would it make sense to create a list and send the three questions and see what that generates?

### **JPS Summer Boost Curriculum Implementation**

- Do any of the providers need to know what the Boost program looks like?
- Dr. Merritt focused on the third grade reading requirement of Shelia Rae the Great. When we talk about the curriculum we talk about the state department of education. We do want to take time to pace it and we have not done that for this new curriculum. We had to continue to use the State of MS framework and we will go full common core this next coming school year. Dr. Merritt pulled third grade reading common core standards.
- He suggested what every provider use this to help the child to comprehend Shelia Rae and these are common cores standards.
- How do we make sure all the third graders in the city of Jackson are experiencing the same thing?
- Are the teachers that are going to be involved at the school sites?
- Who will do the training?
- The summer school teachers who will be used have already been trained.
- We have used voyager in the past. We may have 100/200 students per site and we have 3 sites.

- How many rising third graders would you think we have in the entire district? 2,000 students
- Upcoming third graders, third graders that have been retained, and tier 3 are the target.
- Lake, Boyd, and Key are the three sites for Summer Boost.
- Barksdale has a program that is very specific to support the aspects of reading and you don't need a lot of support to do.
- Do you have someone to do this by May 6<sup>th</sup>?
- I don't think that there is going to be time by May 6<sup>th</sup> to do the MPB training. If JPS is going to be using Voyager maybe we can put together an assessment and presentation to talk about this is what you need to know.
- Transportation is not provided for the 600 students that have been identified so many students will attend other sites.

### **Third Grade Toolkit**

- Develop a third grade kit.
- Vera will submit a one pager and provide information about third grade gate.
- Kelly will submit a proposal about tips and strategies.
- A site would not be an issue but Galloway would be a possible site and North Jackson is also a site. Dr. King will work on tentative date.
- We are doing 4 weeks at Boost and they start June 2.
- Operation Shoestring (Amber) is doing 6 week program from June 2 thru July 11
- Kelly cannot come to any of these programs but she can send her tips and strategies that she can forward to Dr. King
- Mr. Merritt can work on outcomes on what we want the third graders to be able to do 3 outcomes and a prescription
- Everyone else will submit a third grade proposal to help third grade gate
- Send docs to Kisha-and we will have a third grade kit
- Kim has a one-pager front in back that should be parent guide to help Vera
- Choose the biggest three from those one pages and we will provide the providers with these

### **Additional Information**

Practical Strategies for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading tutors scheduled May 29, 2014 from 2pm-5pm. Galloway

### **Meeting Adjourned 10:35am**

Next Meeting June 10, 2014