

Alignment Jackson Elementary Team Meeting

Thursday, July 24, 2014

9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Present: Betty Epps, Kelly Butler, Ingrid Adams, Lois Marie Ritson, and Vera Johnson

Meeting commenced at 9:10a.m.

Updates: Kelly spoke about Barksdale gearing up for the next year. The CEO of the Barksdale Institute retired and the new CEO is Michael Cormack. Barksdale is in the middle of a principal project and they are running some schools. The Barksdale Institute was working in about four schools but currently they are in about two schools. They are in Holmes County and Quitman County school districts. Barksdale is gearing up for the fall to do benchmark testing and provide literacy support. They are also trying to create a turnaround model for leadership. Five schools will be added this year but the real focus is the third grade gate initiative. Kelly stated that the elementary committee still needs to help with the education of third grade gate and its components.

Anthony stated that the elementary team needs to work on follow-up tasks after meetings because there is still an issue finishing projects.

Kelly stated that one thing that will help is being clearer about what needs to be done. We need clarity on what are the appropriate things for us to do that are real difference makers. It would be reasonable to get some information about the BOOST program.

Anthony: I think we can get some pre and post data on the Summer Boost program. Was there a pre/post assessment done during Summer Boost? It would be very useful for the committee to know what the data is and what the hot spots are and which schools we should be targeting.

Data Request

- Reading proficiency –3rd term 2014 reading proficiency for elementary schools
- May 2014 reading proficiency for elementary school
- Did we meet our goals? The 60% reading proficiency goal
- Wrap around data: Community/Economics where these schools are
- Looking deeper into specific schools
- DIBELS assessment given it's a universal screener every child is administered this at the beginning/end of the year. The data school by school
- School profiles
- State data 3rd grade and DIBELS data for k-2nd
- The state wide achievement data
- Average daily attendance

Marie: Eudora Welty will have an evening story time, afternoon story time, and regular time for stay at home moms and a teen program. Teen Volunteers working at the library (capstone projects can be done during the school year)

What are we trying to change as a committee and be more specific about our goals?

What are our expectations and how do we tie our expectation to our outcomes? It is our goal is to help the district meet and exceed their goals

Elementary ITP Update

- We received 2 responses to the ITP
- We have to remind people on the committee to respond to the ITP
 - Operation Shoe String and Ingrid Adams responded

Portal presentation

We are going to have to use the portal technology and it's very usable. It's our responsibility to drive traffic to the portal. We have to share Alignment Jackson with our personal and professional networks.

New Ideas

- August/Sept- developing goals
- One idea is to conduct eye screenings during JPS open house in August 2014. This will allow providers enough time to get consent forms. We can target specific schools and then scale up. The elementary committee will meet in a couple of weeks and draft another ITP.
- August-Let's focus on the 2nd nine weeks for the ITP
- As we are selecting schools we can focus on the ones with the most needs.
- Planning session: August 7, 2014 9:00a.m.-10:30a.m.

Meeting adjourned 10:47a.m.