

1-26-17 Trustland/Community Council Meeting Notes

Welcome : Alayne

Brad:

- Three of our top school initiatives discussed - Reward Zone - Save One Student - 12 Hundred books of Christmas.
- **Save One Student** - Each home room teacher has identified one special kid that needs extra guidance and is helping them get the one on one here at school, that they may be missing at home. Not a whole lot of extra work for the teacher, just a caring adult in a kid's life.... That equates to 30 more kids getting extra attention which holds with the 5 percent ratio of kids needing extra help...
- **REWARD Zone:** Takes place in home room one Friday a month . Once a month, all students with zero missing assignments get to participate in activities. These students are sent down to a teachers room where they are supervised in activities like; letting kids use own devices, play games, eat popcorn..... If a student has any missing assignments, they go to a class to work on those with teachers..... With this program, students are rewarded more frequently for their efforts. They can't procrastinate the whole trimester, they only have 4 weeks of assignments to catch up on instead of 3 months. Kids will get better grades, relieves stress...
- We are always looking for ideas of things to do for reward zone.... Suggestions.... reading time with bring their own treats....
- **OBSERVE Me Week** - Teachers observing Teachers and their students. Each teacher has identified the top three things that they feel are important for their students to be able to do. They have posted these things outside their door. During the week a teacher on their prep hour will go to another teachers class and see if they can identify the priorities listed. This can even be as simple as students being able to answer questions that a visiting teacher would ask to see if they understood what the expectations of the assignment were. The visiting teacher sees if the students are engaged and understand directions and assignments.....
- **12 Hundred Books of Christmas** - Discussed ideas for incentives. This year we had Principal and 2 teachers shave their heads..... We had students who have never read a chapter book participate. Books had to be at least 150 pages.... Even if read as a class it could count. There is good documentation that when students have been read to even through high school, it is beneficial to their learning. The "shaving" assembly was recorded and posted on the internet. Chanel 5 news even showed it on one of their story lines. Next year we will extend the reading dates and start it a little sooner over Thanksgiving etc.... 1200 books is not that much, it amounts to a little under two books per kid...

Staci: - Comprehensive Guidance

- We are focusing on meeting with all 7th grade students and getting them to look at being college and career ready. Discussing options of careers and colleges. Getting their minds opened to future possibilities.
- 5th grade orientation coming up in February. All incoming 6th graders for next year will be visiting our school and registering for classes.

As we discussed spending in last month's meeting we have accomplished the following budget items:

1 - With Trustland money, We have hired two new aids. One is a retired engineer to fill the aid position. He will be doing math tutoring.... The other is a student that is almost done with college.

2 - We did get the three classroom sets of chromebooks ordered and in place. Kids are now using them.

Attendance: Brad Christensen, Alayne Isom, Russ LeBaron, Dustin Ence, Laura Randall, Jana Campbell

Next Meeting will be held on March 30, 2017 at 3:00 in the Hurricane Intermediate School Conference Room.