



LEAN INTERMEDIATE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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OIMS BLT MINUTES Monday, October 1st, 2018 3:45 p.m.

Present: Jerry Trietley, Zach Trietley, Joel Whitcher, Sue Kallenbach, Helen Button, Maureen DiCerbo, Jen Mahar

Introductions/Sign-In: New member – Student Zach Trietley, representing the 6th Grade Red Team

Review September Springboard Minutes: Revisited Springboard topic of who decides what kids are put into (or pulled from) language classes. It is a group decision based on multiple aspects. It was suggested that a reading teacher would be invited to sit in on future meetings where student placement is discussed.

Wellness: School Health Team Update: The committee is planning quarterly meetings. It was previously suggested meetings may be held during the school day; however, that doesn't seem to be the plan. Mr. Shoup has shared monthly topics and materials to share and promote (i.e., in classrooms and on the front marquis sign).

IRLA/STAR Updates: Mrs. DiCerbo shared testing data from the beginning of the year, showing IRLA proficiency at 63.5% for 4th Grade, 45.9% for 5th Grade, and 39.3% for 6th Grade. STAR Reading Data shows 54% proficiency for 4th Grade, 51% proficiency for 5th Grade, 45% proficiency for 6th Grade, and 54% proficiency for 7th Grade. STAR Math Data shows 62% proficiency for 4th Grade, 64% proficiency for 5th Grade, 59% proficiency for 6th Grade and 53% proficiency for 7th Grade.

School Wide Fundraiser: The Cookie Dough fundraiser is scheduled to end Wednesday, October 3rd. We've had to make changes based on auditor recommendations involving 4th & 5th grade fundraising. They can no longer be included in "school wide" sales. All fundraising for elementary grades must be done through the PTO. Therefore, profits earned by 4th and 5th grade students from the cookie dough sale will be turned over to the PTO to be divvied up between the Gr. 4/5 classes. (Each grade level might be able to keep the profits earned by students in their respective grade -- PTO will decide.)

4th & 5th Grade will no longer participate in Great Rewards per se, but can still put money into the end-of-the-year prize offerings to participate in the assembly if they wish.

Jerry also discussed liquidating some of the yearbook money by moving it into the SAC account to benefit each grade level at the end of the year (i.e., \$600 per grade).

Makerspace Update: Karen Fox shared via an email that all the furniture ordered for the new Makerspace is in. Jerry said the room is really taking shape – the furniture offers versatility in setting up the room for different projects, and the work benches are extremely functional.

Karen reports that from a tech standpoint, we have lots of new robotics and physical computing units. She's awaiting 3D pens from the BOCES consortium. The 3D printers are up and running for small-scale designs. We are also waiting for two new iPads for use with the Dash and Dot robots. The Title 5 grant also ordered a Padcaster unit, which will allow students to record broadcast-style videos using an iPad.

The space will be available in the coming week for adults in the building to walk through and get some hands-on time with the featured items. Joel is looking to use some grade level meeting time to bring teachers through the space for an orientation. Staff is available 9th period every day to supervise small groups of students who earn the privilege to come down during study hall. Joel is also hoping to work with the District to pay another 4th grade morning monitor to free Karen up to work with kids before school. Teachers should communicate with Karen Fox to devise a plan for student access. The Makerspace is available as a District Resource to be reserved through Lotus Notes.

18/19 is off to a good start: Jerry commented that it's been a great start to the school year with the fewest discipline slips he's had in recent memory. The District's enrollment is down significantly (from 686 in June of 2016 to 577 in September of 2018). Part of the cause could be the area's poor job market.

Other Topics:

Field Trips: Mrs. Kallenbach reported that the 4th Grade is going to Old Fort Niagara this week through a NYS Parks grant. The programming is free, and the District will be reimbursed through the grant for transportation. She said they are excited to attempt this trip so early in the year (before they've truly gotten to know all their students and their quirks...) 5th Grade is going to Watkins Glenn later this month on the same type of grant.

Cafeteria: The new cafeteria tables are in place and look terrific. They allow students generous space and eliminate the clutter of chairs everywhere. The design also makes cleaning the cafeteria much more efficient. Joel asked if the group had experienced the new salad bar at the high school cafeteria,

saying that it's excellent and inexpensive. It was suggested that we attempt to get such a salad bar at OIMS, if only for staff.

2019-2020 Budget: Next year's budget will include new furniture for the 6th Grade classrooms, as well as the Library and Art classrooms. These groups should begin to look at what they'd like to order so we can start the process of acquiring bids and state contract pricing.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held Monday, December 3rd, at 3:30 p.m. in the LGI Room. Please encourage others to join us!