

Summers County Board of Education
Special Meeting/ Talcott Elementary
December 11, 2014
3:30 p.m.
Minutes

1. Roll Call

The Summers County Board of Education met in a special LSIC meeting on December 11, 2014, 3:30 p.m. at Talcott Elementary, with Sue Angell, board president, presiding over the meeting with the following board members present: Mrs. Jean Gore, Dr. Deborah Clark, Mr. James Withrow, and Mr. James Payne.

Other staff members present: Mrs. Vicki Hinerman, *Superintendent*; Mr. Michael Tabor, *Director*; Mr. Josh Houchins, *Director*; and Mrs. Jennifer Farley, *Business Manager*.

2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Mr. Withrow and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion by Mrs. Gore, seconded by Dr. Clark and by unanimous vote, the agenda was approved.

4. Local School Improvement Council

I. Current Issues

A. Enrollment and new teachers - total enrollment is 210 students. Pre-K has two classes with 32 students, Kindergarten has two classes with 42 students, 1st grade has two classes with 35 students, 2nd grade has two classes with 29 students, 3rd grade has one class of 17 students, 4th grade has 29 students and two teachers in one classroom, and 5th grade has 26 students. We have a few new employees this year. Kristen Holland as a Kindergarten Aide, Brenda Short as a 2nd grade teacher, and Alicia Payne as a 4th grade teacher.

B. Fruit Grants - Students are receiving fruit multiple times a week and teachers are teaching monthly lessons about healthy eating choices.

C. Teacher in Residence Program - Last year Rhonda Thomas came from Concord University and this year Brenda Short. Program has been successful with teachers receiving support from the entire staff.

D. Lockdown drills - They have practiced one lockdown drill this year, but the teachers and staff would like additional training on the plan and procedures.

E. Drama - Drama students are doing one performance this year and will be performing "Annie" in the spring. There are 30 students in drama.

II. Special Projects

- A. Veterans Day Program - Very successful this year. The students each performed poems, songs, and worked with Mrs. Newsome to sing songs as well. Fifteen veterans attended and numerous family members and guest.
- B. Adopt a Child/Food Drive - Through Adopt A Child, the Alderson Women's Prison, local churches and fire departments, they were able to provide clothing and gifts for over 30 students. They will also be providing a full holiday meal with a turkey.
- C. Hinton Area Foundation - One teacher is receiving a grant for a Harcourt Units of Study writing program through the HAF grants.
- D. Very successful book fair this Fall, each teacher was able to purchase \$100.00 worth of books for their classroom.

III. Discipline

- A. Discipline Referrals- 3 discipline referrals this year. Two resulted in suspension and one resulted in expulsion.
- B. Behavior Plan and Incentives - students are rewarded daily with Pirate Dollars, they can earn more than \$1.00 a day for exceptional behavior or not earn a dollar at all.

IV. Progress Toward Meeting the Strategic Plan

- A. Strategic Plan- The first goal this year is to decrease office discipline referrals by 50%. They measure this by using discipline forms and WVEIS forms. They are investigating to find a research based character education program, participating in professional development, and implementing the program. The second goal is to concentrate on writing skills throughout the school, plan and implement lessons and task based on the Analytical Writing Traits. They will achieve this goal by completing a pre assessment, participating in professional development and then starting the Kansas Writing program.
- B. Mentor Training - Three teachers went this past week for a two day mentor training in Charleston at the WV Center for Professional Development to be able to mentor beginning teachers. Four teachers attended the Instructional Practices Inventory. These teachers will be determining student engagement in different classrooms.
- C. Star Assessments - The students have been using star reading and math assessments this year. They take four benchmarks and some students are progress monitored every two weeks. We use this information to drive our instruction and develop intervention groups.
- D. Computer program- There has not been a school wide computer program recently, so the school had a t shirt fund raiser to raise money. Title I funds helped as well. They are purchasing a 12 month computer program that will begin in January. They will be using Stride Academy for all grade levels and content areas. This was highly recommended by surrounding counties and they are very excited to begin.

5. Approval of Bills

None, no action

6. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Withrow and by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.