

Dennis Ortwein ES
School Organizational Team Minutes
December 17, 2019
4:30pm

The Ortwein ES School Organizational Team meeting was called to order at 4:30 on November 21, 2019.
The meeting was held in the Library.

Members present:

Traci Holloway
Christina Jones
Carla Adsit
Amy Pippins
Tyler Hanevold
Kenyon House

Members absent:

Jacob Lunde
Joslene Chatham
Travis Haldeman

New Items

- **AVID Funding: Team discussed that it was less important to have a license because many staff members used AVID strategies, before we had feeder schools that used AVID and it was important to all be on board but now we don't have any feeder schools that use it for kids to be connected, teachers can still build the AVID culture without a license, AVID weekly included in membership and we wouldn't be able to advertise ourselves as an AVID school or use their logo, Title 3 money that paid for this is being used for other areas of need. THE TEAM MADE AN EMERGENCY VOTE DUE TO TIME SENSITIVITY TO NOT SPEND MONEY ON THE LICENSE/MEMBERSHIP.**
- **SDE National Conference: This was discussed and will be revisited. It is costly and members thought it would be a good idea for participants to come back with information learned and present to the whole staff or grade levels it pertains to.**
- **School Performance Plan Update: Absences were discussed. Traci is checking on kids that are coming up on the chronic absence report that have moved to a new teacher. This percentage might not be accurate.**
- **Solutions to our absence concern was discussed again and it was suggested that parents simply might not realize the repercussions of continued or chronic absences for their children. Traci will start meeting with families in January. FACES will do a workshop on "Attendance Matters". Traci will have data at the January meeting to add to our SIP. Yoni will try a different approach to presenting the group to work with students who are absent a lot. It was also discussed that maybe offering community fairs might bring families in and we can give information on how to prevent illness and build relationships. One way to do this was a COW bus type service and partner businesses. Another suggestion was that teachers/grade levels hold parent trainings to inform parents what is being learned and guide them to realize how much their child misses by missing school as well as for them to see why it is so important for their children to be in school. We will continue to work on how to plan this type of parent involvement.**
- **Staff Funding: Yoni asked for funding for American School Counselor Association Membership less than \$200.00. It provides professional experiences/development. APPROVED**
Yoni asked for funding to attend the Counselor Association Conference in Reno, NV March 6-7. Funding would include airfare and room. Possibly \$1,000.00. This conference will enhance counseling services at OES. APPROVED.
The budget was reviewed and field trips now have to be decided on at SOT meetings. Teachers/grade levels can ask families for donations to offset costs to the school. SOT has to approve field trips.

General Discussion

- **Traci will email information**

Information

- **Next Meeting: January 29, 2020**

Public Comment Period

- **None**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm