

Highland Elementary SCC Minutes January 14th, 2016

Missing/Excused Amy Mullins and Keith Johnson

Minutes Approved

School Report:

Mr. Hodson has asked the CTL's (team leaders for each grade) to come next month in February and share what they have done with their allowed funds for the kids "who already know". Ms. Heinrich talked about the books the 1st grade team has ordered to challenge advanced readers in their grade. Mr. Hodson mentioned that 5th grade has started doing ability grouping on Wednesdays so that the higher groups can do enrichment activities while the lower groups can get some targeted instruction. The 6th grade will also be doing some ability grouping at the end of the year during the review time before end of the year testing.

The district is working on an "Essentials" list for the Language Arts program. The CTL's meet with the curriculum department and are creating our own ASD Language Art Essential Standards that will be used in conjunction with the Utah State Core.

There is a new form to opt out of the SAGE testing. It is on the ASD website or available at the school.

K-3 has been doing DIBBLES testing.

Highland has had security cameras installed in the halls, office, and outdoors. Mr. Hodson shared a demonstration. Live feed can even be viewed from an iPad. The school secretaries and Mr. Hodson will each have an iPad for constant viewing. Also regarding school safety, they are looking into ways to reorganize the front office for better viewing of the hallways and approaching students/parents/faculty. The dream would be to have a new office built at the front of the school with a secure hallway for entering the school.

Next month we will be working on our trust lands budgeting. Ideas presented so far are looking at ways to introduce a STEM lab into our school. Discussions and ideas will be presented next month.