

## **Dixie Sun Community Council**

Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2018

Present: Becky Basso, Jillian Udy, Kim Heki, Glen Andersen, Jaime Farnsworth, Brooke Neumann, Anna Mae Jorgensen, Cynthia Cruz, Jill Hunt

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### **I. Elections**

To establish officers for the 2018/2019 Community Council. It was proposed that Becky Basso continue as president of Community Council with Brooke Neumann as a co-chair. It was also proposed that Anna Mae Jorgensen serve as secretary for the council. Nominations were voted upon and all members voted in favor of the proposed officers.

### **II. School Wide Plan**

The 2018-2019 School Wide Plan for Dixie Sun was presented to the council by Glen Andersen. He explained that after a comprehensive needs assessment was conducted, five areas were addressed to be more effectively addressed at Dixie Sun.

#### **A. Student Academics**

1. Literacy was identified as a top priority in students' academic achievement
  - a. Phonemic Awareness and Phonics Skills will be strengthened during small group interventions
  - b. Power 50 or "Power Hour" will be offered for students 4 days a week in which groups will be divided by level to focus on specific student needs
  - c. Reach for Reading Strategies will be implemented
2. Math and Science will also be areas of focus
3. The Switchpoint After School Program may help some students improve academics by assisting with homework and learning skills

#### **B. Student Wellness**

Implementation of a **Wellness Room** at Dixie Sun was presented with the concept that a room set specifically aside for students to visit in order to self-regulate will provide an opportunity for increased learning and skill building. Students will be able to choose to visit the Wellness Room when they need and will check-in, choose a box of materials for self-regulation (examples: sensory activities, coloring sheets, breathing exercises), get a timer, find a spot, and stay for 10 minutes. Students will be expected to clean-up after their ten minutes and return to class, although they may stay longer if needed. The room will be monitored by staff and is expected to be completed by fall break. A short video was watched explaining how the wellness room will function.

C. Staff Training and Development

Teachers will attend monthly training meetings on literacy skills.

D. Staff Hiring

1. Title I money is being used to help compensate three of the teachers at school.

2. Additionally, **Trust Land Money** that was left unallocated by a district mistake will be utilized:

a. To extend Mrs. Whitaker's hours and increase her ability to do more work with advanced learning work students

b. To hire a 19 hour aide to assist especially with Kindergarten and also provide help where needed in the other grades

E. Parent and Family Engagement

Events will continue to include families and encourage involvement, and plans will specifically attend to cultural influences on the availability of certain days/dates in scheduling activities.

### **III. Start with Hello Week**

Start with Hello Week was very successful and the school did many activities to help students focus on being kind and reaching out to make friends.

### **IV. Upcoming Meetings**

November 15, 2018

January 17, 2019

March 21, 2019