

The mission of the Salem Elementary School Community is to provide a high quality education so that all children can reach their potential and become successful, responsible members of society.

Salem's NCA School Improvement Goals

Goal 1: *All students will improve their math problem-solving skills across the curriculum.*

Essence: 1) Identifying and applying pertinent data from text; 2) Interpreting graphs

Goal 2: *All students will improve their writing skills across the curriculum.*

Essence: 1) Providing supporting details/data; 2) Improving the use of voice

Goal 3: *All students will improve their reading comprehension across the curriculum.*

Essence: 1) Synthesizing information from text.

DRAFT SIP Meeting Minutes
(Pending approval at next SIP Meeting)
January 19, 2012

In Attendance: Ray Metcalf (Principal), Jean Hanka (Principal's Secretary), Linda Hass (Teacher Rep.), April Meagher (Teacher Rep.), Amy Hartman (Parent), Margaret Fleming (parent), Linda Hamilton (Community Member)

Ray Metcalf called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.

Minutes

- Upcoming Events.
 - One of the Salem families owns Planet Rock in Ann Arbor and has offered a free rock climbing event for the Salem Elementary community. It will be held on Saturday, January 21st from 8:00am-11am at Planet Rock in Ann Arbor.
 - Salem's spelling bee will be held on February 7th at 6:30 in the media center. Notes will be going home soon. Liz Fischer is our spelling bee chair this year. The top 2 spellers from grades 3, 4 and 5 will go on to the district spelling bee on March 1st
 - We will have a Super Yooper Assembly on January 31st. The Super Yooper is a superhero from the upper peninsula that helps the environment. PTO will be paying for this.

- School Improvement/NCA –
 - Cultures of Thinking
 - Mr. Metclaf explained Cultures of Thinking. The district has decided to help pay for Cultures of Thinking training for our teachers. The total cost is \$4,000 of which we have paid a portion already.

- Title I/Parental Involvement
 - Title I library additions
 - New high interest books for grades 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. Mrs. Fleming has organized the books for us.
 - Mr. Metcalf reiterated that things bought with Title I funds can only be used for Title I students.

- Budget Update
 - Recent budget transactions were reviewed.
 - Forecasting
 - Since the district is moving to full time kindergarten for next year our additional kindergarten room is being cleaned out and prepared for students next year.
 - It was proposed at the January 16th board meeting that the Magnet program be moved to Salem as well as one half-time kindergarten section. The half-time kindergarten section would be SOC and if more than 25 parents sign up for the ½ time program a lottery will determine which students will attend. Mr. Metcalf shared notes from the district web-site. This will be voted on at the February 6th board meeting.
 - If proposals get approved we would like to outfit the additional classrooms with Promethean Boards.
- Old Business
 - Celebration of Diversity Month
 - Kevin Szwala (Mr. Peace), a motivational speaker, will come to talk and sing with the kids about diversity in a 45 minute assembly.
- Additional Agenda Items
 - Mr. Metcalf shared a link on the district web-site to a short video explaining the new Michigan MEAP cut scores.
 - We would like to purchase Salem t-shirts to have on hand in the office to sell to families. It would be especially nice to have for new families.
 - Signs near front bus loop on the road still state the old start and end times. Mr. Metcalf will inquire about having this changed. It was also discussed to look in to having in/out signs to direct traffic through the bus loop.

NEXT MEETING: February 16, 2012

(Tear off)

The Shared Involvement Team would like to provide parents the opportunity to share questions, comments or concerns about the information presented in the minutes above. Feel free to write down your statements below and drop them off at the office or email the following SIP representatives.

Ray Metcalf (Principal): metcalfr@slcs.us

Jean Hanka (Secretary): hankaj@slcs.us

SIP meeting date: January 19, 2012

Name _____

Comments and/or questions: