

Sand Ridge Community Council

Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2011

Present:

Dr. Rod Belnap, Chris Earnest, Sherry Bonham, Anneke Petersen, Jody Kennedy, Kim Eschler, Carlene Sommer and Kaylynn Blakeslee

Dr. Belnap welcomed everyone and thanked Kim Eschler for serving as PTSA President during the 2010-2011 school year. Dr. Belnap stated that the PTSA donated funds for the purchase of a big screen television.

New Business:

Emergency Response Plan: Dr. Belnap shared a copy of the school's emergency response plan. He asked that everyone on the committee look it over and let him know if anyone had any questions.

Testing (AYP): Dr. Belnap stated that Sand Ridge did not pass AYP last year. He also said that two of the High schools and ten Elementary schools did not pass as well. This is something that you don't want to happen two years in a row. Our Special Ed students did not pass the reading comprehension area. Reading comprehension scores are down everywhere. Dr. Belnap shared ways of how the school is actively working on how to improve the scores. There has been additional training with the, "Read One Eighty" program. Our Resource Teachers are working with our regular Ed Language Arts teachers. There is a state web site you can now go on to see our testing scores, a Data Analyses website. Our Core scores are high in Science and have gone up in Math; Language Arts are strong and stayed about the same.

USTAR: Remediation for kids who are struggling. Some of the programs we have in place are, Options and Advisory, we have added an extra advisory day, character development is being taught in Advisory. This has been very positive. Students have also been recognized each week for the little things they are doing.

Sherry Bonham shared how character building has been positive in her classroom. Chris Earnest mentioned how Dr. Belnap applied for the USTAR grant, starting next week we have tutoring after school for students who are struggling in Math and Science. USTAR has funded a buy out for Maggie Huddleston; she will be teaching kids who are struggling in Science

Parent Teacher conference: Our attendance was up by 400 from last years' conference. We served hotdogs, drinks and popcorn.

One of the parent concerns shared was having Parent Teacher conferences all on the same day, it makes it hard for parents to visits different schools all on the same day.

Common Core: Training was on Friday and went well. The way of teaching Math will be a little different. Core testing will also be different, such as more writing and speaking.

Accreditation: Has been postponed for another year due to the fact that this is Dr. Belnap's first year at Sand Ridge. We are working on a time line, looking at school goals, strengths and weakness', the visiting team comes every six years.

Counseling: Anneke Petersen shared how the counseling department was supposed to be involved in two data projects, something that showed student involvement or student learning. Last year, we had a problem with tardies. We implemented a, "No Tardy party". We had five throughout the school year; it did not make a difference, in tardies. We also added a Credit Recovery packet; it was more effective than the, Directed Make Up packet.

Foundation Grant: Sand Ridge was just given a grant in the amount of, \$7000.00 for our Media Center. The funds from this grant will be used to purchase a Web Cam, Projector and Smart Board. We will have a learning center in the back of the room. New chairs were just purchased for the center with school funds. Dave Dalton, a District contractor, will start the remodeling in December.

Dr.Belnap expressed his appreciation for everyone attending the meeting.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 4: 47 pm by Dr. Belnap. The next general meeting will be at 3:30 pm on November 7, 2011 in Scorpion Conference Center.

Minutes submitted by:

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