

West Hillsborough School  
Site Council  
November 12, 2014

## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Members present:

Suma, Christy, Sherry Gavin, Teresa Pai, Megan Medvitz, Chris Flores, Jamie Evare, Jamie Adams, Leslie Sung Huie, Sarah Adams, special guest Judith Pappas. Absent: Theo Kotseroglou.

### OLD BUSINESS

a. Minutes 10/15/14 Approved

b. Sarah commented having hard time uploading to new website. She will seek assistance from Roger Avedon or Kristi Shreeve.

### NEW BUSINESS

a. Judy Pappas presented the graph charts interpreting the K-5 Baseline Assessments and Benchmark Goal as a standard of the Hillsborough School District by grade

The majority agreed that striving to have all achieve an 80% goal (B- goal) was more appropriate than 85%. The goal of 80% is thought to be balanced, a good 'snapshot' as Jamie Adams stated.

17% of student body at West receive Special Ed

Example that 3<sup>rd</sup> graders reading goal at start of year would be 95 words per minute; and 125 words per minute by end of year.

Each cohort measures differently.

Example: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Fluency, CARS, Decoding Nonsense words.

These tests are only a portion of assessing students' placement and achievement. The tests are multiple choice and therefore bring in an element of luck, compared to A test that might require written answers. There's also discrepancy with misleading questions. Would hate to put more emphasis than needed on these tests.

c. SINGLE PLAN DISCUSSION continued

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 is the next meeting and deadline for submitted the Single Plan. Jamie Adams will send out the digital file to each member for edits and feedback directly to her. (It has been sent out).

## B. NEW TOPICS

As soon as the Single Plan is submitted the Site Council can move on to some more exciting topics of discussion.

A new suggestion:

The GAP between West 5<sup>th</sup> grade to Crocker 6<sup>th</sup> grade, so not starting at Ground ZERO at Crocker. Likely involves Crocker planning staff.

Other question: How's it going with the computer TOSA (Teacher on Special Assignment)? Teacher referring to is Tim Raffo. Example of exciting project in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is engaging kids to geographically map their homes and neighborhoods, integrating with an art (?) project.....

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30pm.

Next Meeting is December 10<sup>th</sup>.