

Title I Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2020

Zoom 6pm

The purpose of the Title I Advisory Council is to assist the Superintendent and the School Board in making decisions pertaining to Title I schools in Leon County and to support and assist each Title I school in outlining and addressing the needs of their school community.

I. Welcome/ Introductions (2min)

Meeting called to order at 6:04 by Anita Whitby-Davis

Introductions by Marie-Claire Leman, Latoria Mordica, Monica Robinson, Giselle Sherry-Marsh, Shari Gewanter, Rebecca Johnson

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Meeting agenda motioned for approval by: Shari Gewanter

Meeting agenda seconded by: Marie-Claire Leman

III. Adoption of Minutes from SEPT

IV. Updates from Principals about school, how are we doing? What are the current needs?

Carmen Connor (Pineview) – All is well, 75 DA students returning to BAM. Able to continue to maintain social distancing. One DA teacher per grade level.

Dr. Benny Bolden (R. Frank Nims) – All is well, 103 students returning to BAM. Still able to maintain social distancing on campus.

Terri Martin (Oak Ridge) – Successful nine weeks. 105 students returning to BAM.

Delshuana Jackson (Bond) – 150 students returning to BAM.

Current Needs: Mary Jo Peltier (Hartsfield) – 97 students returning to BAM. Shifting digital and hybrid classes to accommodate student returns.

Jes Andrews (Woodville) – Chromebook distribution process for school site. 111 students returning to BAM.

Marie-Claire – Digital divide: Students without adequate devices, hierarchy of need as Title I Schools.

IV. Priorities Area

Reminder that EQUITY is the lens by which we do our work

- Early Childhood Education
- Better Collaboration between Title I schools
- Teacher Retention and Incentives
- Covid Vulnerability & Digital Divide

Lynn Jones – blocks put on computers, how can we develop a process towards unblocking apps/websites/lesson plans.

Shari Gewanter – Springwood, staff members designated to school site to field questions and concerns about digital matters.

Johnnie Engram – Band with issues within school site.

Denise Paul (Chaires) – Devices distributed to DA students within district instead of within school. Classroom computers removed, including teacher desktop. Constantly losing internet connection because of school location.

Shari Gewanter – “Testing is not priority” Ability to collect baseline data for students, lack of parent ability to support baseline needs. How can we develop a better plan for this in the event of an additional retreat? Need to increase level of trauma informed care for students and families.

Marie-Claire Leman – Students not having working devices, different brands of devices, how can we form a task for the district to implement?

Darryl Jones – Connectivity concerns with rural schools especially. Principals should communicate needs to School Board. District needs to be made aware of issues so the district can provide a solution. Perhaps a survey in Title I Schools is warranted to address these needs.

Devices to Title I Schools (Phase 1): 2-3 schools in a day. Process of assigning to students, locations of carts, etc.

WE will break up into groups starting next meeting to deep dive into these topics and develop recommendations for the district.

V. New Business

- Virtual Reading Partners

Item has been tabled for November TAC meeting.

- DA mentoring, partnership with FAMU COE

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- Title I office 2020-2021 forecast

Monica Robinson: Businesses that highlight Title I Community

Allocations to Title I schools provided to Talethia Edwards

Continuing to work to support BAM and DA students. Literacy event at John G. Riley Elementary school last week. Digital Safety Zoom opportunity for parents. Offered to specific school sties for each month. Mobile STEM, DA tutoring.

- Update from Finance office regarding CARES ACT Funds and distribution

Questions regarding consolidation piece of funds and distribution. NO change to how Title I funding is being conducted.

TAC can expect a monthly or quarterly report of finances, expenditures, etc. from the new finance office.

VI. Comments or Suggestions

Motion by Shari Gewanter for statement made by Marie-Claire. Anita Whitby-Davis seconds motion. Motion includes flexibility for verbiage. Motion unanimously approved.

VII. Adjournment

Shari Gewanter motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:48pm.

