

SHEPHERD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Minutes from Local School Advisory Team meeting of December 7, 2011

Present: Jennifer Pauk, Sherilyn Pruitt, Steven King, Mickey Bolek, Nancy Ulba, Lisa Conner, , Joelle Michaud, Valena Valentine, Mary Thomas, Patrick Grobbel, Bianca Bostic

The meeting opened at 4 p.m. Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and approved.

Committee Reports:

Safety and Traffic:

Community Engagement: The committee reported that they had not yet met.

Academic Enrichment: The committee met last week addressing schoolwide deficits in how students approach learning. In past it was found that students were not questioning. Projects were one of the ways to address this issue and get engagement and challenge. The committee is hoping to engage the school through the IB coordinator. Another goal is community building and changing the parent-child relationship. The first activity discussed as a goal was to have students in grades 2-5 learn GeoPlunge game. Ms. Ulba and Ms. Thomas led the team last year. The committee proposed that each class have 4 sets of the game that students can check out with the rules. They proposed that the PTA would support the purchase of the games. Bianca Bostic, PTA president supported the idea and LSAT members agreed to recommend this activity to Ms. Miles.

Culture and Climate: Steven King, Valena Valentine, Mickey Bolek met. The areas they discussed were recruitment and parent retention, after school clubs, lunchroom chaos at breakfast and lunch. They were going to have a focus on getting parental feedback and Survey Monkey may be a good way to get this feedback. Ms. Miles has asked for volunteers for lunch and before care to address cafeteria issues.

Bianca gave an update on the upcoming Town Hall. Ms. Ulba will be the LSAT representative at the event. The LSAT reviewed questions about the LSAT that have been submitted. Parents submit questions in advance.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Pauk, secretary, Shepherd Elementary LSAT