

SBDM CALL MEETING OF ASHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

April 13, 2009
3.40pm

Members Present: **Schuronda Morton**
 Ashley Oldham
 Lisa Smith
 Kristi Webb
 David Care

Guests Present: **Genie Pitts**

Members Not Present: **Christina Blackburn**

1. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Person Responsible: Council

Action: The minutes from the March 3 call meeting and today's agenda were reviewed. It was motioned by David Care and seconded by consensus that the minutes and agenda be accepted as read.

2. Good News Report

Person Responsible: Schuronda Morton

Action: Schuronda Morton shared that the Washington DC trip for the fifth graders was a success and that we should plan to go again next year. The trip was totally self-funding thanks to donations from various sources including our PTA.

3. Budget

Person Responsible: Schuronda Morton

Action: A copy of the current budget figures was distributed. Schuronda Morton explained that the school must spend its allocated funds down to 10% of our original allocation, ie to \$3000. We have been moving contingency funds to different accounts in order to purchase needed supplies and items for the school. Some of the contingency money will have to cover the cost of math workbooks for next year. It was motioned by Ashley Oldham and seconded by David Care that permission be given to move the amount necessary for workbooks if it is over \$1,000 to the appropriate MUNIS account to purchase the books. It was further explained that the negatives under Regular Instruction have been addressed and are being processed in the Budget and Staffing office at IAKSS.

4. Staffing

Person Responsible: Schuronda Morton

Action: Mrs Morton has delivered the pink slips to staff who are not entitled to return to Ashland Elementary next year. Ms Lee Liska remains an unknown about whether she will return. The Read To Achieve grant may be halved this year from the \$60,000 we received last year and Ashland may have to match the grant funding; more on this at the next meeting.

5. CSIP Committee Report: Curriculum and Technology

Person Responsible: Lisa Smith

Action: JoAnn Deans, chair of the Technology Committee, asked Lisa Smith to present the report for March/April, a copy of which was distributed to the council. It is generally felt that with the arrival of 14 new teacher computers among other things there is plenty of technology in the classroom to use for instruction.

A copy of the minutes from the Curriculum Committee's last meeting was distributed to the council. Committee members feel that it's important to continue to emphasize the Arts and Humanities in the school despite the Kentucky legislature's recent decision to remove the subject from accountability tests. All agreed. The Release Time project that was implemented for the first time this year is working through teething troubles, but seems set to remain next year as a way for teachers to receive Professional Development training. Mrs Brue was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts & Humanities and will receive 40 reproductions of American art to use for instruction and to adorn the school.

6. MAP Testing

Person Responsible: Schuronda Morton

Action: Mrs Morton explained that MAP testing will continue as soon as the school's information is successfully uploaded. Although it is approaching KCCT testing time, it's thought that MAP testing will simply blend together for the students.

7. RFP

Person Responsible: Schuronda Morton

Action: Mrs Morton announced that the school was not successful in obtaining approval for an Achievement Gap Coordinator, however the .5 position for the Arts team was approved and will be used to fund Ashley Oldham's dance/drama position.

8. Title I Spring Advisory Meeting

Person Responsible: Genie Pitts

Action: Mrs Pitts distributed an agenda and handouts to the council, which present the results from the Title I Parent Involvement Survey for 2009, a copy of the Parent Involvement Policy and a copy of the Parent/School Learning Compact. Council reviewed the documents. Council noted one typo to alter on the learning compact. Vivian Coles will scan the document to a Word file and make the correction, forwarding a copy to Genie Pitts.

9. Fifth Grade Field Trip

Person Responsible: Schuronda Morton

Action: Mrs Morton presented details of the plan to take the fifth grade classes to the Cincinnati Zoo on June 2 at a cost of \$5-8 per student, which they will be expected to pay. Funds are already set aside for the buses. It was motioned by Kristi Webb and seconded by Lisa Smith to allow this expenditure. All council members agreed.

10. Release Time Proposal

Person Responsible: Schuronda Morton

Action: Mrs Morton presented next year's program for the Release Time Project for council's approval. It was motioned by Lisa Smith and seconded by Kristi Webb and by consensus to contribute our share of funds to the Release Time Project as a way to get PD time for Ashland's teaching staff.

Proposed Agenda for May 5 SBDM Meeting

- Budget
- Staffing
- MAP results

Apr 13 SBDM meeting adjourned at 4.35pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Vivian Coles, SBDM Secretary.