

School Improvement Team Meeting
February 10, 2015

Present: M. Van Buren, J. Newell, J. Daniel, E. Blaisdell, M. Scaffa, A. Cobb,
S. Walker

Absent: G. Gallop, A. Chamblee

- Minutes from January meeting were approved unanimously.
- Discussion of recycling program, all grade levels approved having students participate. Wynkoop will check with PTO about funding the project.
- Discussion of what each department was doing for Black History Month:
 - 4th Grade English/Language Arts teachers are doing a unit on famous black Americans. They have done a project/report on individual poets, writers, civil rights leaders and they are displayed in the hallway. Science teachers are doing famous black inventors and scientists. They are also learning about the famous black doctor, Dr. Drew, during the walking classroom.
 - 5th Grade English/Lang. Arts teachers are doing a whole unit on the Underground Railroad and Harriet Tubman for the 3rd 9 weeks. All 5th grade students are completing this unit. At end of February there will be a field trip to Museum of the Albemarle for the African American History Program.
 - 6th Grade Science teachers are teaching about black scientists/inventors and students are doing a research projects which they will present. Math teachers are introducing black mathematicians to the students. Language Arts teachers are having students pick a famous black American and present their report on them.
 - Music is presenting African Drum Circles.
 - Art is presenting African American Artists and their struggle to be an Artist in America.
 - Resource Room – Mrs. Reave’s class has been reading about the origins of Jazz.
- EVAAS Data was discussed – the consensus of the group discussions with their teams was:
 1. The low group that starts in 4th grade stays the low group through to the 6th grade.
 2. Some 6th grade students don’t know their basic math facts.
 3. 5th grade stated lower level students made the most growth.
 4. 4th grade stated they were disappointed in the EOG scores in Math.
 5. 5th grade was disappointed in EVAAS because they could not see a breakdown in objectives and specific skills. They could only see the entire test results.
- Discussion was held that a tutoring program is in the process.

- All grade level math teachers feel there needs to be a common core based curriculum program with a book that includes the necessary skills to be covered.
- Discussed again the over crowding in the hallway when students are picked up and dropped off to specials in the afternoon. Also discussed again the problem of 6th grade students being left with no choice for lunch except peanut butter and jelly. Mrs. Cobb will discuss both matters with Mr. Griffin.
- Discussion was held about standardizing 9 weeks award templates. Ms. Walker will speak to Janie about making 4 templates and sending them out to teachers so they do not have to take time to recreate them.
- Next meeting is March 10, 2015.