

GROUP NAME: SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM COMMITTEE (S.I.T.)
 Pearsonstown Elementary School

Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 10th @ 7:40am

Attendees:

Tonya Winchester	Chairperson / 3-5 Voting Parent	Rondie George	5 th Grade Teacher
Linda Haskell	Co-Chairperson	Lucy Cohen	EC Teacher
Lauren Hope	Recorder/ TA Rep	Barbara Isasi-Brown	ESL Teacher
Sean George	Time Keeper/Specials Rep	Stefanie Rome	K-2 Parent Alternate
Dionne McLaughlin	Principal	Valerie Jarvis McMillan	3-5 Voting Parent
Eric Johnson	Assistant Principal	Greg Simpson	3-5 Parent Alternate
Andre Roberson	K-2 Voting Parent	Amy Klebaur	Kindergarten
Carnette Debela	2 nd Grade Teacher	Sheron Rowland	PTA Wellness Chairperson
Tatiana Queen	2 nd Grade Teacher		
Beth Huffman	2 nd Grade Teacher		
Suellen Stanziale	3 rd Grade Teacher		
Jennifer Barclift	4 th Grade Teacher		
Amanda Allen	4 th Grade Teacher		

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	
Monthly Meeting	Attendance and introductions were made by members in attendance. Minutes approved from last meeting	
Scheduling Concerns	Dr. McLaughlin discussed scheduling concerns that have become challenging within the school. There was a Leadership meeting scheduled at 2:45, discussing clear guidelines regarding literacy and math blocks, response by email to grade levels. Information regarding changes to the schedule will go home in Friday folders. The new schedule started on Monday August 15 th , 2011. There was a discussion regarding refining PLC practices and strategies for other goals.	
SIT Training Presentation	School Improvement Team Presentation given by Mr. Eric Johnson; discussed the School Improvement Law, DPS Board Policy and Title 1 and how it fits together, meeting the State Board of Education's 5 goals(handout provided). Goal 1 NC public schools will produce globally competitive students Goal 2 NC schools will be led to by 21 st Century professionals Goal 3 NC public school students will be healthy and responsible	

Meeting Began
PLC's will be discussing those concerns and grade levels will choose what is feasible for them during early release this afternoon. There will no longer be 75 minutes of planning time, planning will be done during Specials.
Requires a collaboration between School, Teachers, and instruction and what we provide for students, Leadership possibilities and assessment for learning. Pearsonstown is not eligible because only 40% of students have applied for free

	<p>Goal 4 Leadership will guide innovation in the North Carolina public schools. Goal 5 North Carolina public schools will be governed and supported by 21st Century Systems</p>	<p>lunch prog.</p>
<p>Principals Report</p>	<p>Dr. McLaughlin's report contained information starting with schedule changes; discussed that afternoon during early release and PLC's discussed ways the schedule could benefit from the changes. There was a Leadership meeting scheduled at 2:45, discussing clear guidelines regarding literacy and math blocks, response by email to grade levels. Information regarding changes to the schedule will go home in Friday folders. The new schedule started on Monday August 15th, 2011.</p> <p>Last year there was a discussion regarding small goal assessments (SGA's) for Pearisontown students. Handouts were given to members regarding priority 1 goals and associative strategies for Pearisontown. There will no longer be 75 minutes of planning time, planning will be done during Specials. There was a discussion regarding refining PLC practices and strategies for other goals.</p> <p>There was also a discussion regarding a mechanism for starting "Parents Helping Parents" workshops, (ex: grade level parents to parents). Suggestions and talks lead to "How to Help each other" and transitioning K to 1st grade; 2nd-3rd grade, and 5th-6th grade. Dr. McLaughlin also discussed goals for the 2011-2012 school year. This year's theme is "Nothing But Your Best".</p> <p>There will be Priority 1 Goals and Associated Strategies to identify research based strategies whenever possible. Using check, plan/do and indicating whether the goals support DPS district goals.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improving the Reading skills of K-5 below grade level students and ensure the growth of AIG students. 2. Encourage and accept faculty and staff to culturally responsive teaching practices; adding works from Gloria Lansing Billings, seeing themselves in the curriculum and finding out about their history, using culturally relative examples using imagery and classroom climate. 3. Fully implementing collaborative planning and improving the functionality of PLC's. 4. Improving communication and organizational structure, establishing bilingual communication with parents, posting classroom schedules reviewing homework practices and revamping Double Dose to include weekly assessments, to name a few. 5. Increase student's exposure to Science materials and professionals to improve access to 21st century technology.(Internal focus) 	<p>This conversation will be tabled until next meeting, September 7th, 2011 at 7:40am.</p>
<p>Chairperson's Comments</p>	<p>There was a reminder from Mrs. Winchester that positions for S.I.T. are 1 to 3 years. There was a fifth grade teacher newly hired to accommodate the overwhelmed classes.</p>	<p>Members are asked to think about whether they will stay on as positioned members for next year.</p>

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 am

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2011 @ 7:40am*