

## Russell Elementary School Council Meeting

October 12, 2018

4:30-6:20

Members in attendance: William Wilson, Nikki Sears, Sue Roberson, Janna Barker, Rebecca Walker

School Improvement Plan:

- Poor performing schools could affect accreditation  
Fund Allocation:  
Goal 2:
- We purchased Writescore which will help inform us of student academic needs
- MAPS-RES pays for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, the county pays for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades
- Education Galaxy is used for grades 1 to 5. It costs approximately \$3700 and is paid for by RES
- Starfall is used by kindergarten and is also paid for by RES
- We are considering purchasing Odyssey computer program for \$10,000. It uses MAP data.

Action 3

- Vocabulary-we are using a variety of instructional strategies and methods to grow students vocabulary. We use Words Their Way for a phonics/vocabulary/spelling program.

We plan to purchase 120 chromebooks to have 15-16 devices in all upper grades classroom.

Title 1 budget:

- 41 more devices will be purchased.
- Primary grades want more devices so we may put four devices at \$253 each in those classrooms.

Action 7

Professional learning communities

- We look at students' growth and any instructional needs.

Goal 2 Action 1:

- Dojo has been very effective as a communication tool. In the past, we paid \$5,00 for agendas. That was not paid with Title 1 money-it comes out of the school allotment. Later on in the school year, we will have a conversation with teachers and school council parents to determine if we are still pleased with Dojo or decide if we would like to return to using agendas. Right now, we are able to take that \$5,000 and apply it to other important areas.

September 19

- Mr. Wilson will meet with Parrish construction for a needs assessment of the school. Since safety is always priority, we want to replace sheetrock with cinderblock. This will help shield

students in case of bad weather or any other events that could possibly affect safety. We also purchased poles to barricade doors. The cost was approximately \$600.

Title 1 budget for 2018-2019 is \$236,735

- Out of that amount, we fund the RTI teacher, RTI para, and the parent involvement coordinator.
- \$16,500 is allocated for web based computer programs
- We purchased LLI kits for its intense reading programs. Additionally, we bought 11 new projectors.
- \$21,000 was spent on chrome books (120) for 3<sup>rd</sup>,4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Because we have these chrome books, next year we will have 1 to 1 set up for students. This will help prepare our students for the future as well as make learning more fun.
- \$21,000 was used for books and periodicals- This includes classroom library books.
- \$6500 will be allocated for teacher professional learning. This will cover the cost of subs for grade level planning and will allow every homeroom teacher to have 2 full days of planning for the school year.
- \$8500 will be used for conferences. The cost to attend conferences is about \$400 to \$500. Eight teachers will attend the National at Risk Conference in Savannah.

Advanced ED (SAC)

- Will visit the county in November
- The committee may meet with school council parents

Other concerns:

- Dismissal and the parking lot-Right now we have three parking lots which will most likely be made into one large parking lot. Architects and surveyors are looking into it. The funding will be ESPLOST-taxpayers money.

Parent concerns and comments:

- Communication is very good. Parents are satisfied with events specifically in the way Christmas lunch and Thanksgiving lunch are separated. Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Sears expressed their overall satisfaction with RES.
- Parents inquired if all teachers on grade levels are teaching the same information and if RES utilizes push in or pull out. Mr. Wilson explain that all teacher teach the same standards. Most classrooms are either ESOL, EIP, GTE, or SWD host classrooms and support teachers push into the classrooms. Parents stated that they prefer the push in method of instruction.