

## **Russell Elementary School Council Meeting**

**March 20, 2019**

**4:30-5:30**

**Members in attendance: William Wilson, Nikki Sears, Sue Roberson, Elissa Ellison, Heather Hensley, Rebecca Walker**

### **Title 1 Budget**

- \$29,000 is available in the Title 1 budget
- We have purchased iStation for the school
- We will purchase Saxon Phonics for grades K,1, and 2
- A total of 17 sets will be purchased
- A few teachers and administrators will visit a school in Valdosta to see the implementation of Saxon Phonics program
- Saxon phonics has good reviews and will greatly benefit our current reading program

### **IStation data**

- We are experiencing improvements in student performance. Some are showing remarkable improvements. Next year, we expect even greater progress
- The cost is \$18,000 for both math and reading and \$11,000 for only math

We will soon get a new parking lot. The dirt parking lot will be converted to approximately a 50-space paved lot. The new parking lot and rerouting traffic will help alleviate much of the congestion we are currently experiencing.

We are also getting a PreK play area. A cookie dough fundraiser will be earmarked for the playground.