

02/11/2016 Meeting Minutes

Members present

Sara Struhs Brenda Robertson Sara Waltman Joel Medley Jill Curtis
Marcia Simmons Chris Withrow

Mrs. Struhs called the meeting to order for reviewing the second quarter benchmark and DIBELS data.

Dr. Medley introduced Jill Curtis, Academic Administrator for K5. Mrs. Curtis explained how the benchmark tests were administered and which students were involved. Based on the current scores the team has created action plans to address specific weaknesses exhibited by the pupils. Further, small groups, resource rooms, whole group remediation and tutorials were being provided to the pupils.

A question was asked and answered which affirmed the state does require testing for reading for all third-grade students that we teach. Comparing the data from the 1st quarter to the 2nd it was noted that progress was being made. Currently we are using the state's benchmark test this year, however, next year we plan to use Study Island [SI]. The administrators believe SI provides robust reporting and tracking measures.

Marcia Simmons presented the benchmark data for the middle and high school grades. She informed the committee that there were a small number of middle school students taking high school Math 1. These students would be required to take two end of year math tests, the EOG for middle school and EOC for high school. The teachers are providing small group, remediation, and tutorials to assist the students in the areas of weakness, as shown by the benchmark tests.

Ms. Simmions noted that there were significant increases in the ELA benchmarks scores and believes this can be attributed to the students participating in the small groups. Additionally, we are teaching the students strategies to assist in reading comprehension. She reminded the committee that some of our eight grade students will take five tests at the end of the year, which are ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies and Math 1. The state recently released portions of tests that had been administered in the past, and we will utilize them as part of our overall strategy to prepare our students for success.

There was a question regarding the importance of all pupils taking the final tests. Dr. Medley expressed that much effort was already underway to notify the coaches and students of this requirement. We are providing test centers near to the students for reducing travel time, and calls would be made before the tests to confirm participation. There was also an explanation regarding how promotions and retentions would take place.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM.