

Meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2014

NOTES (Accorum not achieved)

1. Call to Order + Role Call
 - a. Sean Bohannon calls the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Present: Sara Clifford, Katherine Hanson, Bill Grein, Sean Bohannon, 3 practicum teachers (observing)
2. Review Mission and Vision Statement:
 - a. Sean Bohannon reviews mission and vision statement in order to remind us of why we are here.
 - b. Sean Bohannon reviews our big rocks: Special Education, Customer Service, Instruction in the Classroom
 - c. Sean Bohannon refers to School-Based Decision Making Handbooks as our guidelines for implementation/facilitation
 - d. Sean Bohannon discusses our guidelines for success: Diverse, Always Working Hard, Goal-Oriented, Striving for Success
3. Good News:
 - a. District Focus Visit on Thursday, September 25, 2014: Bill Grein comments that focus visit was positive; issues that we want to focus on revolve around the number of new teachers in the building and getting these teachers up to speed.
 - b. Katherine Hanson discusses the benefit of EXPLORE-prep at the beginning of the year. Because the results of their test have immediate impacts on their classes/schedule their 9th grade year, students were goal-oriented and working with urgency from Day 1.
 - c. Sara Clifford discusses evidence of meta-cognitive signals (marking the text, active note-taking) she saw while accommodating her students during the EXPLORE test.
4. Section 7 (Bill Grein) – finalize budget in September. District looks at everything budgeted and seeks surplus money in areas of the budget. District has been slowly growing over the past 4 years, which means that money follows increased enrollment, which means that surplus money is found. District allocates this money to the schools (either per pupil or need-based). Superintendent Alvin Garrison gathered needs from school leadership and discussed those needs at Cabinet meeting (District Leadership) this afternoon.