

Oak Grove Elementary School SAC Meeting Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Present: Dana Edwards, Molly Neuman, Katie Yergenson, Christian Madrid, Lane Ahern

We decided as a team to continue the agenda from October 2023, and to work towards completion by the end of the year.

1. Mrs. Edwards shared that the school has:
 - A. Hosted Watch D.O.G. dads – Several dads have been on campus since our Pizza night.
 - B. Christmas shopping - PAC set up a shop for our students that are underprivileged and may need some help this year so that they could “shop” for their parents with no cost.
 - C. Our students attended the annual Bridges Christmas Luncheon, and it was a success for all involved. She was asked if we participate in the Angel Tree program and responded that it wasn’t something available this year and seems to be hit and miss each year.
 - D. We had equines brought to our school farm with a guest speaker and kids learned about them. This was an opportunity to work on agricultural literacy goals and apply learning about “compare and contrasting” which is a key standard.
 - E. Our 4th grade teacher Mrs. J. Vigil did a reading challenge with her class for “Donuts with Dougie” and brought her miniature donkey to school and the students that completed the challenge were able to eat donuts with the donkey at the farm.
 - F. One of our 3rd grade teachers resigned and Mrs. Madrid took over and that we have a long-term substitute in the CLD position with lots of experience to cover the rest of the year for those students.
2. DIBELS testing item #8 – One of the challenges has been the transition to Dibels 8. The Academic Services department did not facilitate an informed transition for staff at the end of last year, so we are learning as we go. We did respond to data and showed growth overall by MOY.
3. Attendance/Absenteeism - Item #4 – Molly shared that at the district level, they are studying Oak Grove because it has great success in lowering the numbers. She asked Dana what is being done to cause this to happen. Dana said that the biggest thing is that the students know they are cared for and safe here at the school. We work on relationships, and connections to the students. The farm and STEM class are a great help.

Dana also explained our Tiers of attendance and explained each one.

 - A. Tier 1 – in elementary school, attendance is talked about, and goals are set around it, however, it is mostly a parent issue. The school has a “Mustang Race” that happens as different words are filled in for perfect attendance on the race board in the office, and so it is very visible which helps.
 - B. Tier 2 – Sunshine Club – Mrs. Becky works with the students and sets goals, they have a personal calendar, and when they reach the goal, they receive stickers. This way the students can see the progress toward the goal. Mrs. Becky does follow up phone calls after the auto-dialer has gone out if there is no response just to make

sure that the parents are aware. She also sends out letters at day 6, 10, and 14 to notify the parents. Mrs. Becky tracks the attendance, and if needed refers it to Mrs. Edwards for a phone call home, which sometimes has more effect coming from the principal.

Lane commented that sometimes the analysis comes in with an example of: will the cough disrupt enough to disrupt learning, and should I keep them home? This is all due to Covid awareness and makes the trying to attain a certain number more difficult for attendance.

The discussion then moved to chronic absenteeism which is at least 10% of the days missed to this point (12/19/23). She showed Oak Grove data, and we are at 23%, but working to lower the numbers. She also said that if the child is chronically absent, then they are missing school which translates into missing instruction and difficulty catching up to their peers that are here. Katie asked about a blended model. Dana said that we have a few extreme cases that may need that, but when she makes the phone call home, she is working with the parent to find the barriers to the student being at school consistently. Dana mentioned that Mrs. Becky is also doing a bulletin board with weekly attendance by grade level in the office so that the students can see who is “winning” each week.

4. Data Notebooks – Item #9. We think of them as Portfolios for Learning. At Oak Grove this year, the expectation was that every student would have a portfolio to have the data and learning with evidence to show and prove what they are learning. Each grade level decided on a format, and so the grade level ones will look similar. The student led conferences were a success and the teachers appreciated being able to prepare. Dana stated she would ask for the day off for the Spring conferences again as well. Dana then showed a couple from 3rd grade that showed kid friendly standards and the student was able to decide and check if they met them or not.
5. Next Training in January –
 - A. ALICE Training – they have books, lessons, etc. to use to teach the students. Dana will be ordering resources and having training for the teachers in how to use it. This way the students and staff will both be prepared in case something should happen.
 - B. SIBME – This is a video that teacher takes of themselves while teaching for 10-15 minutes. This comes with a feedback sheet and allows the teacher to see the students, her/himself and do some observations of their own to be able to better their teaching.
 - C. Planbook – this is a planning platform for teacher that became available this year, and so they will receive some training on it to be able to use it efficiently.
 - D. Afternoon – this will be time for collaboration, planning and getting ready for the 2nd half of the year.
 - E. Spring -February – Oak Grove will receive training on Step Up to Writing, a program that is proven effective for basic writing instruction.
 - F. March – the teachers will have a Menu PD day.
 - G. April – More independent training/studying and learning.

- H. Leadership tries to give the teachers time to get the actual work behind the teaching done, so that the teachers are not so overwhelmed with all that is required of them.
- 6. NEXT MEETING – changed from February 27,2024, to March 12,2024. due to the District Office changing the timing of their meeting to the first week of March. The last meeting of the year will be May 7, 2024