

LSAC MEETING 9/1/11:

- started meeting watching WOLF TV / live via video
- Angela Wilson and Heather Temske are taking over WOLF TV going forward
- Kids will eventually take over the news each morning. Everyone should have a chance to be on the news throughout the year

I. Introductions

II. Teacher Talk

A. Mrs. Hearth/Kindergarten and 1st Grade

- Writing - Examples given
- Personal Narratives were one of the first assignments given, examples shown
- Giving kids a choice on the topic has been very beneficial

B. Beka Sexton/2nd and 3rd Grades

- Personal Narratives - free writing topics also
- adding details each day
- went to Science Lab - things that float and don't

3rd Grade:

- Science Lab - dissecting a cactus
- Personal Narrative

C. Angela Wilson/4th - 5th Grades

- Reading Workshop Notebooks
- tracking genres, literacy letters, modeling letters
- Writer workshop notebooks (examples shown)
- People pockets on display in the hallway (picture of student, what they are wild about, etc)
- created own Anchor Charts for reading books

III. Year at a Glance/SIP -Natalie Richman

- Very smooth start to the school year. We made the class size count to avoid any teacher layoffs. We were right on the cusp in several grades - just met the numbers in Kindergarten, just over in 4th grade. Discussions with new Superintendent may indicate changes going forward with 10 Day Count (a way to count class size in mid July of each summer. Numbers will determine teacher layoffs or new hires approved)
- Dr. Robert Avossa/New Superintendent is young(39), great ideas, coming from Charlotte, NC
- He has brought in a new Special Ed Director from Orlando
- Natalie shows the Curriculum Night slideshow
- CRCT results have greatly improved for SAE in past 2 yrs
- Natalie emphasizes ways SAE is working to make learning "fun"

- SAE hits "exceeds" in 5th Grade Writing scores
- 120 kids did Wolfie's Challenge
- we are hanging in top 10 schools/even with North Metro scores blended in
- small group math and reading classes, but have also added "inclusion" classrooms
- have done a lot to get parents involved
- New Dads Club formed

IV. Needs Assessment:

- Natalie discusses surveys as a method of ways to improve such yearly events as Book Fair, Grandparents Day, etc.
- Jenn Kardian gives feedback on ways to improve the process for new Kindergarten families to explain specifics on bus pickup, time requirements of Sneak a Peak, etc.

V. SPLOST IV:

- proposal to build a new elementary school in North Fulton
- **Special Local Options Sales Tax**
- based on penny sales tax
- vote will take place in Nov - just to keep SPLOST or not
- encourage folks to Vote

VI. Meetings/Interest Area:

- Natalie mentions bringing in Dr. Avossa/Superintendent or Mike Davis/Chief of Staff to one of our future LSAC meetings to discuss Charter School possibilities, school vision, etc.
- Discussions of SAE Business Partners Introduction in future LSAC Meeting. May have lunchtime meeting for that particular LSAC meeting
- End of school bell will officially ring 2:25 each day beginning after Labor Day. Buses may arrive 3-5 mins later in the afternoons

VII. PTA Updates

- outdoor classroom cleanup is Sept 17th
- Hearing/Vision screenings Sept 21st

FUTURE LSAC MEETING DATES:

Oct 6th – SPLOST/SIP

Nov 10th

Jan 12th

Feb 9th

March 15th

May 3rd