

## LSAC Meeting October 6, 2011

Attendees:

Tiffany Stone, Cecily McDaniel, Marnie Allen, Beka Sexton, Denise Harth, Gina Cook, Shavonda Toomer, Justin Staus, Barbara Bell, Jen Kardia

Meeting Began: 7:45am

### I. Teacher Talk

**Harth** (K,1) -- Social studies: maps, globes; Writer's workshop; personal narrative in writing.... Teaching grammar thru this program as well. i.e. Used Pigeon and the Bus story as a tool for learning about "dialogue." Also used small sentences on feelings/emotions; phonics thru stories... "Dan's Hen".

#### **Sexton**

(2nd) -- Reading/responding has changed.... Showing students different ways to respond. Teaching them to ask "why"... Expanding their sentences.

Reading/Writing Workshop. Used author Patricia Polacco as an example of a book that has been used... Fun way to assess progress.

(3rd) Narrative from perspective of their "shoes!"

Also studying Government branches....

(4th) Water cycle... Adding details to the different parts of the water cycle.

Writing is involved on all fronts.

Using computer lab a lot more.

(5th) Talking back to books as you read (various responses).... "I wonder...", "I think...", making connections as they read...

Barbara Bell -- Teachers are moving toward total immersion of Reader's Workshop and Writer's Workshop. However, teachers all work at different levels depending upon need/assessment. Parents will not see as many worksheets, but clear progress with reading/writing and vocabulary.

### II. Business Partner Updates;

Justin Staus -- Moving toward a math workshop for parents; helping them use different techniques for learning. Waiting to hear back from Natalie as to when would be a good time to start.

Starting to participate with Spirit Nite w/Chik fil a; adding Math Challenge questions to the program.

Met with Christy Hood-Cree... One scholarship student; Has been offering scholarships for 4-5 yrs so far (assessment is done; typically a 5th grader).

Will con't to sponsor Teacher/Professional of the Year.

Question: Elkins Point is in need of technology.... Does SAE have any technology they are not using? (LCD's?) Unfortunately, "No." Using all we have.....

III. SPLOST... Special Purpose Local option sales Tax  
(We are on SPLOST IV) -- Informational mtg tonight (October 6th... 7pm, Roswell City Hall)

What is it? Sales tax... 1penny of each sale goes to funding school capital programs.  
SPLOST III -- Focused on school board debt, refurbishing buses, technology, bldg. additions, furniture, equipment, safety and security. Also, added new schools: Oakley, Birmingham Falls, Feldwood, Banneker, John's Creek, Bethany Bend, etc.

SPLOST IV -- While previous budgets focused on new facilities and additions, SPLOST IV will focus on: replacement schools, learning environment, expand technology infrastructure and capability, future construction.... Relieving over-crowdedness.

Dollar amounts are already allocated if passed..... (the vote is not to increase it, but to con't the tax).

\$ 227,140,663 budgeted for SPLOST IV

Funding Options: Use millage to pay; approx \$6million... Taxpayers would fund. OR.... con't SPLOST. Vote takes place on November 8th.

IV. Parent Chatter

- Charter System.... 2013; is it a done deal? It's a Charter System... Not a Charter School -- allows for flexibility with class size and other needs such as, curriculum, allocation of funds. More flexibility at the district level.
- Cursive Handwriting....? How does this fit into our curriculum?

V. Business Partner Luncheon

November 10th.....

We each take 3 business partners to extend invitation to visit for a luncheon; SAVE THE DATE CALL.....RSVP by the 1st of November.

Invitation forthcoming ....

Specific time???

VI. School Improvement Plan

Power point sent out to us.... Goals, Strategies, Data Assessment,

This documents percentage increase of academic/testing progress and goes to the District Office.