School Leadership Team Minutes  
Sept. 6, 2016  
3:30-4:30  
Art Room  

Members present: Amanda Allen, Maureen Nappi, Kaitlin Bensch, Michelle Cook, Linda McAffee, Sarah Peters, Patti Johnson, Megan Bever, Tara Finch, Steph Plano  

Facilitator of Meeting: Amanda Allen - SLT Chair  

I. EOG data - A+ school - school wide celebration?  
What did we do well?  
*5th grade math- Tara Finch came in with middle school exp and kids were challenged and re-looped (continuous practice)  
*5th: A lot of data analysis through pre-assessments and tailored instruc. to meet needs of what data showed….were therefore ahead of pacing guide so were able to fit more in. Use of programs like TenMarks helped kids get used to language of test  
How can we grow MORE?:  
*3rd: not departmentalizing did not allow for as much rigor and digging deeper within content area so this year hopefully specializing in subjects will allow for more growth  
*We need to make sure that all know how to read and understand the data to maximize growth  
*Blitz was good but maybe start earlier and train Blitz instructors on how to assess  

EC:  
*Must have 35/40 students to comprise a group such as EC  
*EC used LLI (leveled literacy instruction) all year and scores seem to indicate that was very successful...Just TA’s and EC used this (not classroom teachers) (Tier II & Tier III)  

Other notes:  
*new Science materials were ordered last year for 5th grade which were expensive but shared between classrooms (NC ready EOG Science) and was an excellent resource. (would be great to get one more set)  
*PTA push for putting books in classrooms!!!! Fundraising etc is a great resource so we need to let PTA know our needs  
*Building a Math library would be great to integrate literacy and math  
*Middle School has Personalized Learning….we are not doing this right now but use Compass Learning and add rigor based on data ….peer teaching is also helpful for retaining and understanding concepts.  

II. SEF
*Sub group to work on closing the gap - Female: Science 5th
*current 5th Grade students - 3rd CCR (84.2) - 4th CCR (79.9)
*Finch: graph showing apples to apples (looking at same group of students)

IV. Access to SLT bylaws

V. School Safety
   A. Bullying: UKnight program, Character Ed. with Ms. Henry. Also a scripted program to teach in Special Area. UKnight maybe was not utilized as much as it could be - also the lessons will repeat every year so kids may be seeing the same lessons over and over?
   B. Harassment
   C. Sexual Harassment
   D. Decide on date for next discussion of this topic: Will discuss again in November. As of right now, we don't have any issues with this topic but parents do want to know how we are handling the transgender bathroom issue and we will handle it case by case.

VI. Communication Audit
   ● Feedback was neutral to negative
   ● Reputation of our school gone down? With transition they felt like they didn't know what was going on
   ● See Sarah Peters notes on goals…. Are we getting communication out to the community?
   ● PTA is leading the way as far as clarity of message in their Blasts
   ● We need to ask ourselves what the point is of our communication? Who is the target audience? Getting rid of redundancy
   ● Fix communication so parents know all the great things that are happening here!

For next meeting:
*Fill out form from Sarah so we can all discuss
*Next meeting Tuesday Oct. 4th