



**Math Committee** – presented by Christy Whitfield for Christine Saulter

- It was stated that Afterschool tutoring is for 3-5 only. Two questions were raised: Can it be opened up to more students? Can teachers outside of CES instruct afterschool tutoring session? Mrs. Walker stated that we have tried to get other teachers outside of CES to teach afterschool and it has never worked out.
- The question was raised: What about a program like **Math Superstars** to challenge students in math? Mrs. Walker stated that Beth Mims was already looking into a program similar to Math Superstars but using current Florida Standards.
- The Math Committee would like to see more grade levels using the math wall by the cafeteria. The idea was mentioned for grade levels to meet and discuss focus skills for the math wall.
- Davida Schissler mentioned that she liked the math games that are being played during lunch. The games sharpen the students' math facts.

**Science Committee** – Presented by Christy Whitfield for Debi Morgan

- Science Night took place in January. It was well received. The only complaint was that parents did not like having to choose only one activity to visit.
- The possibility of field trips to the Mag Lab was discussed. Onsite field trips are only for grades 5 and up. Grades K-4 may have the Mag Lab come to the school and present.
- Davida Schissler stated that (Joe Bud) Bud Turner Youth Conservation Center was an interesting place that could be an option for field trips.

**Technology Committee** – Presented by Heather Hatfield

- Teachers are stating that they do not have time to use both Moby Max and IXL. There is not enough time to get into computer labs, but teacher are using programs in the classroom. The suggestion was made for teachers to choose the one they like best and use it in the classroom. Have their students use the other program at home.
- Teachers want to be trained on making their own websites.
- Teacher are encouraged to promote access to Microsoft Office 365. Students can download the Office onto three separate devices. To access, students use their user id (10 digit number @ wcsb.us) and password (w birthdate).

**Parent Involvement Committee/Attendance Committee** – Presented by Jan Pearce

- Activities that have been held: Open House, Parent Nights, Bingo for Books, Storytelling Night, Science Night, Holiday Musical, Chili Cook-Off, Saturday Donuts and Data Day.
- Upcoming Activities: County Fair Festival (February 20), Second Semester Parent Night (KG on February 4), PJs and Pancakes with a Math Focus (TBA), Mother's Day Tea (May 6), Optional Bump Up Parent Night (TBA May).
- Mrs. Walker came to speak to the committee about formation of an attendance committee. It was proposed to divide the Parent Involvement Committee or keep the present committee intact, but add an additional focus for Attendance. The committee decided to stay intact.

## Update on SACS Goals for 2015-2016 – Presented by Christy Whitfield

- The SACS committee is looking at ways to address excessive absences. Those students having 15 or more absences per semester. We feel that if attendance is addressed then achievement in reading and math should improve. However, this does not address tardies only absences.

- Strategies for curbing absences:

Parent Communication – 1. Teacher contacts parent after 2 absences.

2. After 10 absences, a letter is sent by administration.

3. A conference is set up and an attendance contract is created.

4. Perfect Attendance Ribbons are given out as a reward.

5. Parents are encouraged to attend activities at school.

6. Students/Class Attendance is displayed in the classroom and in the

Hallway bulletin board.

- Christy Whitfield asked for any input on ways to improve attendance.

- Jan Pearce suggested a check in/ check out system (PBS)

- Davida Schissler asked if attendance & tardies can be addressed at the beginning of the year. The parents would sign an attendance contract in addition to the Title 1 contract. The parents and student would sign the contract which lays out the steps and interventions that would be taken for continued absences.

- Jan Pearce suggested we investigate what other schools do to address Attendance and Positive Reinforcement for good attendance.

A motion was made by Jan Pearce to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Davida Schissler.

The committee voted. The motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.