SCC Meeting Minutes November 6th, 2013

In attendance: Alison Randall, Holly Wade, Emily Esplin, Dave Ochs, Deanna Weierholt, Kimberly Potts, Micah Jessup, Mary Ann Thornley, Aleta Wilkinson, Butch Ringger, Derek Reynolds and Jana Gunnell.

Excused: Kerri Sabey, Audrey Barton, Dr. Stewart.

*Holly read minutes from last meeting. Dave Christensen moved to approve the minutes and Aleta second the motion.

*Alison reported there was not unfinished business to further discuss from last meeting. We proceeded with new business, following the agenda.

*Emily Esplin presented data on the READ 180 Program which is funded by Trustlands. She handed out several papers with last years data. As for right now, only 7th graders are eligible to take READ 180. It is for students coming from 6th grade that are generally 2 grade levels below grade level in reading. Some are as much as 4 or 5 levels behind. Many of the students go from never having read a book in elementary school-to having read up to 20 books in 7th grade, and then passed an exam on comprehension after finishing the book.

*Most students exceeded their goal they set for themselves at the beginning of the year in the READ 180 program.

*85% of the READ 180 program students passed the Language Arts CRT- these are mostly kids that have never passed the language Art CRT in elementary school. There are 28 students in the READ 180 program this year.

*Mary Ann Thornley presented data on TEAL Time and it's continual improvement. The last 3 years only F and I's grades were required to remediate. Percentage of failing students went down from 18% to 5% from 4th term last year to 1st term this year. That is a great improvement! This year we included all D's to remediate as well.

*Dave Ochs presented a power point presentation with data on the "Go My Access" program, and the benefits it has to our students. The students love to see the improvement in their essays as they revise and re submit their essays and watch their scores go up. They are making huge improvements in their scores each time they revise.

*Holly has copies in the front office of the data presentations if you would like to see them.

*Community Input- Aleta would like to hear from Math about the new curriculum and how the students are responding to it. Derek mentioned our Math Night and the powerpoint is available online. Jana mentioned that it was a hard transition for students because it jumped them up a grade level and then a little more. It has pushed our students, but they will be more proficient at math because of it. It has been hard for teachers and students, there is a transition period taking place with the new core. They have to have 80% mastery in the concepts to pass, and so there are a lot of F's until they pass the basic skills. Until they know the basic skills, they cannot move on.

*Alison moved that the meeting be adjourned, and it was seconded by Deanna Weierholt.

*Next meeting was scheduled for December 4, 2013.