

Lehi Junior SCC Meeting
03.09.2021 10:00 AM

Principal Thomas conducting

Jenny Timmerman welcome

Attending in person: Kevin Thomas, Jenny Timmerman, Tiffany Quintero, Erin Ethington, Kristin Norby, Sheldon Hatch, Stacy Bateman, Amy Kunz, Marnee Lemon

Online attendees: Diane Leslie, Melanie Jones

Approval of February minutes and second

Math discussion and concerns

1. Working with Skyridge to get math tutors up and running
2. Mr. Crocket & Ms Pyper -

Questions: If you've failed a quiz, why is it necessary to finish the homework before retaking?

It's very overwhelming to get caught up and not see your grade go up.

Mr. Crocket: Math teachers approach it on an individual basis. If the student didn't show proficiency on the first quiz, they have to fix their missed problems to show they understand why they missed. If they only missed one or two questions, Mr. Crocket will let them retake without making up the homework. If they missed a bunch of questions, it doesn't do much good to retake without showing that they've done the work to master the standards.

The new grading standards are to make sure the kids understand the concepts.

Mrs Pyper is seeing that kids are more successful than ever before.

New grading scale: Traditional grade percentage A = 100 to 90 B = 80 to 90, etc. All of the letter grades are 10% except for F, which is typically 60% and below. The math dept doesn't feel like that is reflective of actual mastery. (Handout from Mr. Crockett's math class)

Ms Pyper: Feeling buried under mountains of work. Some team members are more letter of the law and are very strict about making every kid do every assignment before retaking any quiz. Some team members are more individual in their approach and take each student's individual needs into account. The teacher wants to help the kids feel empowered to decide their own needs.

There are online resources that the teachers have created that can help the kids learn difficult assignments.

Teaching the kids about best practices. Standing in line at the teacher's desk is not a best practice.

Waiting and working at your desk allows you to keep working while you wait.

Teachers are encouraging students to go to any math teacher for extra help.

Math teachers are focusing on the absolute core concepts.

More group discussion and encouraging the kids to ask questions.

Math teachers do want parents to reach out. They value the conversation between parents and teachers.

Team time is valuable!

Make sure parents know they can sign up to get a weekly update from skyward.

Greatest academic need discussion 2021-2022

Mr. Thomas – There needs to be an increased emphasis on math classes. Paola Gonzalez is a fabulous resource and is able to help with math. When kids find success in math, it creates dominoes of success in other classes. When they struggle there, it can affect their other classes.

Set goals for 2021-2022

Consider maintaining the goals we've had.

The Lehi Jr SCC and faculty goals read by Mr Thomas. Prepare for future success. Student teacher connections. Increase student engagement and connection. 90% of 8th graders be middle school completers. 90% of 7th graders on track for middle school completion. {Add 95% on track at the end of the school year}. Measurement is passing grades. Improve quality instruction through professional development opportunities, plc, math aide, paying for half a counselor. Three counselors remaining plus a half time counselor.

Add to the goals that 9th grade needs to be on track for high school graduation. That means they've earned the credit.

When we put a quality teacher in front of a student, there is nothing better we can do for that student.

Continue with the grant program for 2021-22.

Breakdown of money spent in 2020-2021

There's about \$60,000 left in the fund for this current year.

Jenny motions that we signify that our school improvement plan and goals will be an action item for this meeting. Tiffany Quinteros second.

Motion that the school improvement plan for next year as outlined by Mr. Thomas in this meeting. Kristin motioned, Amy Kunz second. All in favor, no opposed.

Motion that the goals for next year as laid out by Mr. Thomas in this meeting. Motioned by Jenny, second by Amy Kunz. All in favor, no opposed.

Update on new school: Website and social media up, construction on time, furniture purchase made, almost all teachers hired, have a registrar, have started 6th grade registration.

Good news: Drama dept ran 6 shows of Annie. All shows were sold out immediately. SCC paid for Light the Fight video. No one was hurt when a kid brought a weapon to school.

Motion to adjourn by Jenny at 11:36, Sheldon second.