

Jefferson-Houston School

Minutes from Governance Meeting held on Sept 18, 2015

Facilitator: Dr. Crawley, Superintendent of Schools

Introduction of attendees: T. Mozingo, C. Phillips, K. Davis, N. Mitchell, L. Piehota, J. Brown, T. Werner, B. Nickerson, B. Grant, and S. Spivey

Dr. Crawley welcomed Becky Grant back to ACPS from Office of Personnel (VDOE) and talked about the role of VDOE in supporting us.

Our goal is to provide support and continue with high expectations set by ACPS/VDOE

What's new? Dr. Phillips provided the following J-H school update.

- Increased enrollment 541; goal is 550
- Full Middle school staff
- Two additional ½ time Spanish Teachers
- School Improvement Coach
- TAG Teacher
- Four Kindergarten classes
- Math Instructional Coach – creating common assessment quarterly
- Motivated and dedicated staff
- IB Coordinator – Mrs. Ware – will be invited to next meeting to brief all on PYP/MYP, IB Trait is included in lessons; Visits classrooms daily
- Dr. Sims- Academic Principal will do professional development with staff on lesson planning and alignment with VDOE & Co teaching Model (starts 9/21)
- All Coaches providing support in classrooms especially Grade Four
- Dr. Meyers will continue to model and train staff on Balanced Literacy
- Teachers using lesson plan format and uploading to Google drive
- Extended day enrollment 391; it is optional
- Dinner menu has been changed for extended day and children are enjoying
- School wide goal to build capacity and maintain highly qualified staff
- Special Education teachers using co teaching model; teaching the same lesson
- All lessons will be aligned, includes essential questions, and using kid friendly language in objective
- Goal during evaluations is to increase dialogue among students and teacher as well as student to student- CLASS observations
- Writing is included throughout the school; portfolios were purchased; writing is included in extended day

- PBIS fully implemented; did away with Jaguar Paws and now using stamps and monthly incentives such as dance, kickball, and volleyball tournaments
- ELL Team provided Professional Development
- Chronic absenteeism students are targeted; social worker sending home letters and doing home visits after 5 times
- ELL student strength is listening and writing at JH; weakness – speaking (vocabulary)
- Middle school increasing vocabulary

Team reviewed the corrective action plan.

Take Aways

Dr. Crawley discussed the importance of demonstrating good communication with new families who come in and providing teachers with what matters (curriculum materials, supports and professional learning they need to be effective).

ELL Dept – Bethany offered to provide support (we have 72 students)

Specialized Instruction Dept Interventions discussed cohort for Co teachers

AIR and UPD consultants will return to provide support

TIER III 35% below- therefore Reading and Math Specialist from district will provide support weekly

Questions Discussed?

What's the plan for growth and difference for incoming students?

School offers similar services as other schools but class sizes are not smaller. Parents interested in child coming think so.

Will there be a team for walk thru? Yes. Observation Instrument will be used,

Dr. Phillips said -one or two go in at a time and not overwhelm teachers. The goal is to provide feedback

Next Steps:

Walk through using New Evaluation Model and analyze School Education Plan (SEP)

Next Meeting Date

Oct 9, 2015 @ Jefferson-Houston

Richmond OSI Meeting Oct 28, 2015