

Winn CAC meeting 10/28/21 4:30 - 5:50

In attendance: Sharon Fuller-Barnes, Jorge Gonzalez, Becca Longino, Helena Puente-Garcia, Anayansi Blessum, Alison Thomasson-Bramley, Staci Hervey, Sarah Daily, Beatriz Gutierrez, Kathy Winfrey, Sandi Seelke, Lupe Ramos, Suzie Tyson - Hatfield, Eden Santos, Julie Meacham

4:33 Ms. Bramley began the meeting by sharing that there were no citizen communications.

4:35 Ms. Bramley started to share information about the Reading Academy. Ms. Tyson began with the presentation about Reading Academy and that it was passed by Texas Congress and Gov. Abbott in 2019. The mission of the Reading Academy is to equip teachers with the skills they need to inform instruction so that all students develop a strong foundation and that all teachers are well trained. There are 12 modules in the RA. There is no compensation for completing the program and it is scheduled to take a minimum of 60 hours. As an instructional coach, the question is, how can we best support and help teachers. Teachers respond with, we need more time. A teacher job is intense and takes much time to plan for engaging lessons in all subjects. One way to give more time to teachers is to provide them substitutes to work with the class, so they have time to do planning and complete the modules for the RA. Most of the modules take about 6 hours to complete. The RA began September 13, 2021 and finishes on August 13, 2022 is the deadline. If a staff member is not finished by the deadline, they must start over and take the entire program again. We want to be sensitive to this extra work being given to teachers in order to help us understand what they are going through. Ms. Tyson is happy to talk about RA at a later time. Ms. Bramley asked for any questions regarding the RA before proceeding.

4:43 A Montessori presentation by Ms. Lupe Ramos and Ms. Blessum. Ms. Blessum presented the presentation that was shared with an AISD board member. Ms. Lupe began with the history of Montessori and shared the background of Montessori at Winn. The Montessori program began at Winn in 2017 and each school year we have added another grade level, up to 4th grade. The Montessori Institute of North Texas (MINT) initially supported Winn in teaching our new Montessori teachers in the Primary grades (PK - Kinder). Ms. Blessum shared the Winn demographics of 21% AA, 62% Hispanic, 12% White and 4% 2+ races. We currently have 245 students with an attendance rate of 84%. The breakdown of ELL and GE students by classroom was also shared. Winn has 69% Economically Disadvantaged, 13% Special Education, and 7% Gifted and Talented. Ms. Lupe continued the discussion regarding the Montessori training. The MINT training our first cohort of teachers received was \$15,500 per teacher and there were 4 teachers in the cohort. Instruction and support of our staff was transferred to the National Montessori for the Public Sector group. We currently have 4 teachers in Cohort 1: our Lower Elementary teachers and have started with Cohort 2. There are 3 consultants working with our staff: Lupe Ramos, Sylvia Martinez and Joe Bruno. A video of Joe Bruno talking about Montessori concepts was shared. Ms. Lupe reviewed the ideals of the Montessori program; uninterrupted work time; the characteristics of concrete to abstract; merging Montessori with TEA requirements; prepared environment; freedom within limits; and practical life. These are the guiding theme characteristics of Montessori. Strategies for increasing enrollment were discussed and November 16 and December 14: Montessori International meetings.

5:08 Ms. Blessum provided campus updates on the costume dance (Friday, October 29, during essential areas times); there is an opt-out option; there will be popcorn and photos. Also, on October 29, there will be a Dia de los Muertos program in the library for the students. Coffee with the Principal is scheduled for Friday, November 5. Tutoring and interventions will be offered based on HB 4545 for students who did not take or were not successful on the STAAR test from Spring 2021.

5:18 Meeting adjourned.