

CIT Minutes Open Meeting 10/16/2008 @ 3:30 in the RCE Library

In Attendance: Nancy Harn, Ricky Mikelman, Melanie Welsh, Robert Fleming, Ann Mitchell, Ann Saterbak, Brandi Monteverdi, Robin Howell, Amy White, Brandy Demeris, Lee Sims, Margaret Chenier, Shannon Day, Karen Webster

1. Campus Performance Objectives

All activities fall under these

2. 2008 TAKS results were reviewed

While TAKS is taken seriously, it does not drive instruction. We are looking to increase our commended levels

3. AYP (Federal) results

Looks not only at math and reading, it considers special education & ESL students, which do not count at the state level for us at this time

Considers the qualifications of staff

4. Ike

We have a roof leak in the library which has damaged a bookcase.

State has forgiven up to 10 days of attendance. Our school board considered many options and decided to forgive the days and go forward with our current calendar. We are making sure we are utilizing every minute of instruction. We had meetings to look at every student who had a D or F on their report card and made a plan for at risk students, which includes some after school tutorials, some additional ancillary materials, etc. This report went to the district and the state.

5. Lee Sims Bond Update

Two categories: Replacement schools, which is being torn down, or upgrade, which is where RCE falls. Our money will be spent in storm systems, technology, safety and security (access control)

Teachers will no longer have keys—card swipes will be used near the doors at the front, gym, kitchen, and backdoor. If cards are lost, they are just deactivated. There is lots of flexibility built into the cards

There are currently 16 cameras on campus, and 16 more will be added. Our situation is currently good and will be improved.

Technology will be discussed at a later time. Portable keyboards are here. ActivBoards are in process.

We will be adding two COWS (computer on wheels)

There will be one Mac on campus for students who have them at home.

Facility

All mechanical equipment (chiller) will be inspected and repaired/replaced as needed.

Plumbing in older parts of the building will be replaced

New, larger grease traps will be installed

Storm sewers are a problem and some of our beautification projects may have increased these problems.

They will do a camera inspection of all lines and clean them out. We will have to look at some options with our courtyards and the downspouts.

About 20% of the school will get new ceiling tiles, carpet, etc, which will be started and finished next summer.

Discussion: Parents were concerned about work being done in summer and having work done on time. Lee discussed the bid process and penalties to assure the project is done on time.

Parents questioned projects that may be so complicated they may take more than one summer. That is a possibility after scoping is done.

Is money managed per school or at the district level? The projects were determined at a district level and the budget comes from the district. If something comes out much more than expected, we'll need to prioritize. All bond info is public information and is on the website.

Dr. Klussman wants to keep the community informed and involved and suggests the CIT form a subcommittee to serve on the bond updates committee for RCE.

Next meeting: Nov. 20

Topic suggestions for Future meetings:

Update on Technology pieces

Vertical alignment on spelling (Words their Way)

Respectfully Submitted by Ricky Mikelman