

School Management Team  
Minutes  
March 26, 2018

Meeting began: 3:15 PM

### **Future Ready Schools**

Ms. Martin showed a PowerPoint about Future Ready School certification

1. Future Ready Schools are ready for 21<sup>st</sup> Century digital learning and will be ready for college and careers.
2. What are the needs?
3. Where are we?
4. Have we started it?
5. The State will look over our application.
6. What are the benefits? Ms. Martin said we would receive state certification.

Ms. Martin went over the tiers of certification, Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. Ms. Martin showed what the tracking sheet looks like. If we meet the 140 indicators we will be certified for the district. Everything must be submitted by June 30th.

Ms. Martin will present the things we have already done to the state, such as student work, teachers' support and involvement. Dr. Cummins asked if there are any other districts doing this? In NJ there are 68 committed districts.

### **School Improvement Plans**

This year's SIP will have to be reviewed again in preparation of the 2018-2019 SIP. Specific data must support the effectiveness or non-effectiveness of school programs and interventions put in place this year.

### **PARCC**

Dr. Cummins shared that she will be meeting with teachers and all staff in grades 3-7 concerning PARCC. What is it that we need to do to push and encourage students and teachers? Accommodations done during the school year, must be done during the test for identified students.

Dr. Cummins said we need more data on what are doing in the After School Academy. Dr. Cummins says she needs an After School Assistant Principal to oversee the After School Academy. Staffing of teachers after school continues to be a concern.

The SMT reviewed the school and district 10% growth goals. We looked at the specific numbers of students required to meet the goal at each grade level.

### **School Culture and Climate**

We really need to activate the sub committees. Ms. Copeland said maybe brake off into groups then come back together to brain storm ideas. Dr. Cummins wants to get some ideas together for the fall. The committees were going strong but began dwindling.

Mrs. Estrada thought it would be better to define what the committees would do. Committee chairs from every committee, the heads coming together for accountability. What are we doing at the end of the year? Mrs. Dixon suggested there be a rep for every floor.

Dr. Cummins suggested that the SMT members be the reps for the different floors. Ms. Copeland suggested that the committees plan the trips. Ms. Matthews agreed with the suggestion because of the extensive amount of paper work that goes into planning trips. In the new school year, students leaving early should be put to a bare minimum.

Dr. Cummins is making Good Friday a free dress down day. However, please keep your class and school day as a regular learning day.