

BLT 3/15/16

Attendees: Katie, Susan, Sam, Katie H., Noel, Angie, Catherine, Anne and Trinia

Note taker: Susan K

Note taker for next meeting: Katie H

Review Norms

Talked about budget and how well it went.

Trina has been asked to serve out the PTA president for the rest of the year. She wants to make sure that people feel okay with her being the PTA co and on the BLT. It's just a few BLT meetings. BLT thinks it's fine.

We will have Trina and Angie's BLT positions to fill next year.

We have a professional development survey in the building. It's one of the BLT's jobs to help with professional development. BLT will look at the survey for input before it goes out to staff.

We will ask teachers to look at the Danielson Framework when filling out the survey.

This year we have focused mostly on reading—including sending teachers to Teacher College.

We have focused on equity as a building as well.

We did five days on math PD and did some work on RULER. We will need a bit more RULER training next year.

This year the 4th and 5th grade PLC's have been working with formative assessment. It's likely that the district will be offering some of that in the future.

One area of note is, "Accommodating Students with Special Needs". This could help many of us.

"Classroom Management Strategies" could help us all as well.

We had a discussion about how the new Focus classroom will affect the other classrooms, and the need for training to support teachers and students.

"Inquiry Based Learning" could be good as one of the shorter sessions. We could add "Community Cultural Wealth" to bring value to each person.

We discussed having a building-wide theme of "Sharing our Stories". We could have students share at the Friday Morning Assemblies.

We talked about what big topics for professional development and the need for smaller topics to hit. One reason to continue with reading as our focus would be to support the use of the reading tutors.

Cassie Martin was brought up as an excellent person to do a quick training for the Spectrum Disorder students that we serve. Katie will contact her.

We will have the quick staff survey in the library at next week's staff meeting.