

Meto School

School Improvement Team Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 2022

1pm- 1:45pm

Attendance (Staff): Fermandi Dyson, Krystle Coles, Peets Guice, Evan Reissmann, Holly Adams, N'Deeo Hicks, Ashley Armstrong, Akia Jackson, Kristen Bogeajis,

Attendance (Parents): Alphonso Thompson, Julia Clapper, Tamika China,

Guests: Kristen Evans, BCBA (Metro Staff)

- I. Minutes from previous S.I.T. meeting approved by attendees
- II. **Recent successes and shares:** Mr. Guice commended on the Queen City Senior Bowl event in December was a big success. It included a parade, pep rally, and tailgate event along with two parent workshops for families to attend. Final fundraising totals are still being accumulated and finalized, more to come. Ms. Dyson was happy to announce the \$15,000.00 contribution from the Charlotte Hornets organization called Hoop Tee Charity foundation that helps fund the annual able-bodied sports camp that takes place during the extended school year at Metro School. Metro was also awarded the Jimmy Johnson grant in the amount of \$18,000.00 that will be used to support the awesomely accessible fund that assists with providing student devices for alternative communication. OT specialist Heather Smith is working to allocate those funds for the equipment needed.
- III. **C.S.I. Visit:** Metro was deemed a Title 1 school in Mecklenburg County by the state of N.C. which then allowed C.S.I. funds (total of \$157,000.00) to be allocated for improvement support. A bi-annual visit to the school is required by the state for evaluation of goal status, and our first visit went very well.
 - a. **Questions for C.S.I. during visit**
 - i. Being an E.C. school, what are the parameters/goals that need to be met before being removed from C.S.I. list? Reps stated that the status is a work in progress since we are one of only three E.C. schools with unique guidelines for our students. It may take a few years to structure goals and expectations.
- IV. **Coaching Feedback and Comments:** Mr. Guice stated that based on feedback from Ms. Hicks as well as reps from NCDPI during the CSI visit, we are on track with our school improvement plan. Our recorder returns the minutes promptly to Ms. Coles and she adds our minutes and agendas in a timely manner to the platform. The school staff is working hard to put in artifacts for our indicators and notes are added in the correct area on the online platform. Ms. Hicks spoke and stated that there was a professional development training course coming on Thursday that would explain the comprehensive review for the plan and provide a checklist for the school to keep up with in order to check for compliance.

- V. **MTSS at Metro Parent Information:** As part of the school improvement plan and the student services district goal, Metro has worked to develop its own tiered support system. Ms. Kristen Evans has worked with district support and the student services team to develop the Metro MTSS plan. She shared a slide presentation with the team. During the presentation, Ms. Evans explained that in general education, Metro would already be considered a tier III level for behavior and academics, so as a result, Metro looks at the plans that come with the students and we tier based on that information. There is a focus on behavior currently, but the school will look at academics later.

VI. **Assessed Indicators:**

- i. A4.01- The school is continuing our professional development to help with aligning our curriculum and changing how we collaborate with each other. We have a workday coming up that is based on this alone. We have several staff members that have upcoming professional development to also aid in this work.
- II. A.4.06- Ms. Evans' presentation spoke to this. Our staff received this presentation, and our student services team meets with the CTs weekly.
- III. A4.16- Holding IEP meetings. Student services is in the process of creating one-page documents that will follow the students, especially those with behavior concerns from class to class and even as they transition out of the school.
- IV. C3.04- Ms. Dyson is working to have a recruitment bonus outlined in the funds that we receive from the state for being a CSI school. Admin is also working hard to make sure staff are appreciated and acknowledged for their hard work.
- V. E1.06- Teachers send out weekly communication in parent square. Admin checks that this is happening weekly. Newsletters are discussed in CT meetings.
- VII. **Old Business:** There was no old business to discuss.
- VIII. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on February 21st.
- IX. **Adjournment:** 1:45 PM