

**Polaris School Community Council
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2016**

Welcome: Vivan Shepherd, Chair

- **Introductions**
- **Keeping Students Safe Online**
 - **Handout: District Report on online safety (copy)**
 - **Net Smartz is coming in February (assembly)**
 - **Computer Science classes also address online safety**
 - **We also use LAN School on our computers**
 - **Not sure if it is working in Media Center yet (our Tech guy has been out sick for an extended time period; new guy started last week)**
 - **Each student has a unique login**
 - **Teachers are aware that they need to watch and report violations to administration**
 - **Balance access - safety school & Lan School**
 - **Guiding Principles - Teacher's teach**
 - **Greatest threat**
 - **VPN & no tech until recently**
- **Create a plan to find the greatest academic need**
 - **Previously**
 - **We have asked teachers in PLC groups**
 - **The President of SCC has sent an email to each teacher**
 - **Last two years, reading has been the main need**
- **We have used past Trustland money for:**
 - **Reading teacher**
 - **Newsella Reading program**
 - **\$2,000 last year - may be less if less teachers use it this year**
 - **We have done research to see which teachers have used the program**
 - **Each student our reading teacher has worked with using the program has gained at least 2 grade levels in reading**
 - **We have rotated out/replaced older computers in our computer carts**

- Professional Development for teacher training
- We are focused on graduation and retention
- New plan is due in April
 - Between now and February's meeting we need to find academic need and put together the plan.
 - Our last meeting for the year will be in May (after the plan is turned in)
- Training handout

Action Items:

- Lori will chart and compare previous plans; then get feedback from teachers
- Lori will ask Individual teachers, then PLC groups to discuss greatest academic need and have each PLC group narrow it down and rank their top 3 needs
- Lori will finish the Online Safety plan and have it posted on the website
- Lori will send the training handout to the Riggs'
- Kim will have Vivian's email changed on the website to:
vivian.j.shepherd@gmail.com

In Attendance:

Amber Gardiner - District SCC
Randy Warren - Co-Chair
Vivan Shepherd - Chair
Messina Ellis - student
Lori Thorn - Principal
Ashley Billingham - Counselor
Kim Holmes - scribe