STATON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Organizational Team Minutes

September 17, 2019

The Staton Elementary School Organizational Team meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm on September 17, 2019 . The meeting was held in GATE room, 65.

**Members present:**

* Kristina Havill, Parent
* Robert Hollowood, Science Teacher- Vice Chair
* Teri Mann, GATE Teacher –Chair
* Lindsay Tomlinson, Principal
* Leigh-Anne Mateyka, Parent
* Carrie Kern, Kindergarten Teacher
* Julie Hosea, Office Manager
* Rachel Solem, Assistant Principal
* Gina Retke, Parent

**Members Absent:**

* Amanda Galindo, Parent- Secretary
* Arrenwa “Winnie” Wilson, Parent

**The minutes from the meeting dated August 21, 2019 were presented and approved as presented. New Agenda Items were discussed as follows:**

**Item 3.1 Current Class Counts**

* Kindergarten ratios are higher than normal - additional funding was awarded
* 1st Grade lower than usual and lower than expected so those ratios are fine
* 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th are pretty much where they need to be based on changes made over the summer

**Item 3.2 Strategic Budget**

* Attrition money, carryover money and position money was given to Staton: $339,000
* Public Education Monies were originally allotted to pay for 1 tech position and 2 teaching positions, money was provided in the budget to pay for those three positions so the public education monies will go back to the account
* **Suggestions**-
* Strategic budget funds will pay for the 3 teaching positions
* Remainder of money was $81,000
* Kindergarten was awarded money due to class sizes, Kindergarten teachers voiced that they did not want another teacher as they did not want to split up the kids they had, gain a surplus teacher and did not feel it was best for the kids
* Kindergarten teachers wanted to sell their preps to provide small group and individualized attention 1-5 days a week, each teacher will decide how many days a week they want to pull students and money will be used to pay for their prep buyout that many days a week
* Additional support staff hours for three employees (.5 hours each) will be given so they can be their the full instructional day to support students
* Chromebooks will be purchased from the remainder of the strategic budget and some from public education monies (336 chromebooks and 11 chromebook carts)
* **Positive Feedback regarding suggestions**-
* SOT excited that all students in 3-5 will have chromebooks
* Testing will be able to be done much later this year due to having more chromebooks
* Other resources and training for teachers on how instruct using chromebooks
* **Feedback regarding suggestions**-
* Teachers voice concerns that they wanted to ensure that the kindergarten teachers were getting paid for extra instruction
* Teachers voice concern that others should get this option and the SOT commented that this money was specifically set aside for kindergarten due to large class sizes
* **Public Comment was held before voting**
* Mrs. Ohlsen shared her thoughts and reiterated the need and support for the kindergarten prep buy out for support as well as the impact this will make on all future grades by giving them the support in kindergarten
* **SOT Vote**
* Motion to approve budget as presented knowing that funds that the kindergarten teachers do not use for prep buy out will go to funding chromebooks
* All in favor of approval

**Item 3.3 SOT Elections**

* Support Staff Elections took place last week - Julie Hosea will serve for the 19 - 20 SOT
* Licensed Teacher nominations and elections will be occurring soon
* Parent Nominations are currently taking place, parents have until Friday, September 20th to nominate. Voting for parent SOT members will take place on Friday, September 27th from 8:30 - 9:00.

**Item 3.4 Results**

* NSPF star rating was presented formally.
* Last month preliminary SBAC data was presented and discussed in depth. A review of this data was done and discussion was held around the need for math support.
* **Next meeting date**: 10/16/19 at 3:30pm
* Budget discussion (pending budget is in by then)
* **Upcoming Meetings:**

10/16/19 - 11/13/19 - 12/18/19 - 1/15/19 - 2/19/20 - 3/18/20 - 4/15/20 -5/6/20

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm