

SYSTEMS ACCOUNTABILITY MINUTES

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Administration Building Boardroom

Present: Paul Meyer, Char DeLawyer, Connie Braiedy, Carrie Fowler, Marlo Gangi, Jodi Weston, Judy MacAlpine, Eugene Brandt, Beth Bily, Doug Lane, Craig Hegrenes, Jan Reindl, Lora Mathison, Eric Northard, Ruth Tatter

Absent with

Notice: Doug Learmont, Tim Larson

EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT SYSTEMS:

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m..

Minutes of October meeting were approved as presented.

No additions to the agenda.

HIGHEST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

INVEST EARLY: Jan Reindl presenting.

- Initiative receiving statewide recognition
- Ready 4 K made a recent visit to their offices
- The Invest Early video was shown to the group to familiarize them with the programs
- Biggest gap between peers is in literacy
- Parents are asked for a 30 hour commitment. This can be done by taking classes, volunteering, etc.
- There is one common application for all the programs. This has been recognized at the state level

SCIENCE: Craig Hegrenes (RJEMS Science)

In curriculum cycle: Year 5

Grade 6 - General Science

Grade 7 - Life Science

Grade 8 - Earth Science

- Grade 6 textbooks are the oldest and will need to be addressed
- Grand Rapids was test site for MCA state test last year
- Required in Spring 2008 by all schools
- LCD projectors have really brought Science curriculum to life in the classroom

Concerns:

- Increased class sizes make labs difficult
- They are looking at a rotation program to update aging science equipment: microscopes, balances, etc.
- Grade 6 curriculum is outdated

They would like to see some collaboration with the 5th grade when they move into the new wing at RJEMS next year.

Class sizes are 30-34 and the rooms are designed for 32 students.

