

Starkey Elementary School Advisory Council

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023

Meeting began at 9:35 p.m.

Attendees: Principal Audrey Beekman, Assistant Principal Jennifer Riddick, Jackie Bruckler, Bob Towner, Veronica Tejada and Logan George

SIP budget

Principal Beekman gave committee members an update of the School Improvement Plan funds, which had a beginning balance of \$1,432.81. Of that, \$436.38 were allocated to stipends for SIP planning in the summer. The school store was allocated \$977.89 (two payments to Amazon, one for \$224.51 and the second for \$412.46, and one payment to Oriental Trading Company for \$340.92. \$18.54 remains in the budget.

FAST testing

Principal Audrey Beekman updated committee members about the results from the second cycle of FAST testing. The following results are from December.

Third Grade ELA Reading average score: 195

Fourth Grade ELA Reading average score: 206

Fifth Grade ELA Reading average score: 219

The state average score in Language Arts: 216; percent at Level 3 or above: 43%

Pinellas County Schools average score in Language Arts: 218; percent at Level 3 or above: 45%

Starkey Elementary average score in Language Arts: 219; percent at Level 3 or above: 50%

Dreambox statistics

Assistant Principal Jennifer Riddick discussed the school's use of Dreambox.

According to the data, for grades K-2, Starkey students average 7 lessons per week on the program.

For grades 3-5, Starkey students average 11 lessons per week on the program.

Attendance statistics

Attendance data for students enrolled at Starkey Elementary up to and including the 84th day of school:

The Asian subgroup represents 6.4% of the school's student demographic with 37 students: attendance rate is 96.4%

The Black subgroup represents 4.7% of the school's student demographic with 27 students: attendance rate is 92.5%

The Hispanic subgroup represents 16.6% of the school's student demographic with 95 students: attendance rate is 93.7%

The Multiracial subgroup represents 8.9% of the school's student demographic with 51 students: attendance rate is 93.7%

The Native American subgroup represents 0.7% of the school's student demographic with 4 students: attendance rate is 97.6%

The White subgroup represents 62.7% of the school's student demographic with 360 students: attendance rate is 93.3%

Of the 574 students in K-5, the overall attendance rate for those students is 93.6%. According to the data, 37 students have been absent 20% or more; 114 students have been absent 10% or more and 70 students have perfect attendance.

Referral statistics

The Asian subgroup represents 6.4% of the school's student demographic with 37 students; there have been zero referrals in this subgroup.

The Black subgroup represents 4.7% of the school's student demographic with 27 students; there have been zero referrals in this subgroup.

The Hispanic subgroup represents 16.6% of the school's student demographic with 95 students; there have been 3 referrals in this subgroup, representing 23.1% of all referrals.

The Multiracial subgroup represents 8.9% of the school's student demographic with 51 students; there have been 2 referrals in this subgroup, representing 15.4% of all referrals.

The Native American subgroup represents 0.7% of the school's student demographic with 4 students; there have been zero referrals in this subgroup.

The White subgroup represents 62.7% of the school's student demographic with 360 students, there have been eight referrals in this subgroup, representing 61.5% of all referrals.

Open Discussion

During the open discussion portion of the meeting, committee members discussed the growing loss of the proverbial "village" that was once an integral piece of support for growing families. In an effort to reach out to families who may need that support, members recommended different outreach efforts, including the possible organization of a mixer for ESE families, as well as asking Starkey's PTA to host one meeting of All Pro Dads in the evening to allow dads who work in the morning to attend.

The meeting concluded at 10:24 a.m. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024.

Minutes by:

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