

Alice Drive Elementary School Improvement Council

Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2019

In attendance: Suzanna Foley, Chris Gradwell, Katherine Spigner, Helen Simon, Shauntae Bines, Tanya Quiroz, Brittni Buitureira, Amy Chua, Tina Sorrells

- The meeting began at 3:08 p.m. with a welcome from Mrs. Foley.
- Mrs. Foley shared the news that Alice Drive Elementary has earned national STEM accreditation through Cognia. She praised the faculty, staff, and students for all of their hard work leading up to this achievement and shared a video produced by the Sumter Item to highlight ADE's STEM accreditation.
- The meeting continued with an overview of ADE's schoolwide test data from the previous year. Mrs. Foley presented this information via slideshow which used graphs to compare ADE's performance to both the district and state averages. Mrs. Foley emphasized the following points based on the data:
 - On the SC READY ELA portion, females are consistently outscoring males. African American students are consistently scoring lower than other groups.
 - Novels that are being used for novel studies in the upper grades should be reviewed for possible changes in an effort to increase engagement in ELA for these students.
 - 4th Grade has consistently shown progress towards closing the achievement gap among African American students and other groups in the area of math. Other grade levels should pay attention to strategies that are being used in 4th grade in an effort to close the achievement gap schoolwide.
 - On the SC PASS test, ADE has scored above average in the area of science for the last 10 years.
 - To continue improving, we will be looking at our winter MAP data and focusing on how to help students who are 'approaching' reach the level of 'met' by the end of the year.
- Mrs. Simon asked about the novels being used for ELA and whether or not teachers have the option to choose these. Mrs. Foley explained that they do not have the option at this time, but this is an issue she feels strongly about and will continue to push for.
- Mrs. Quiroz asked about Family STEAM Night. The date was confirmed for Tuesday, January 28, 2020.
- The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2020.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.