

ACOS

Meeting Notes: February 19th, 2014

Meeting began at 10:10am, February 19th 2014, in Quest Portable at Hidden Creek Elementary

Present:

Tracy, Leah, Shannon, Maureen, Dianna, Trina, Joanne, Jude, Janet

School Meetings: Brain Power Bins

- South Colby (Shannon)
 - Talked with principal.
 - Has not yet met with staff.
 - Bins are in teacher's lounge along with a display board (Shannon made).
 - Has not yet received requests for copies.
 - Observed that bin seems light on primary math activities.
- Sunnyslope (Leah)
 - Met with principal
 - Made a spreadsheet to track student progress with activities (group discussed best way to set up tracking sheets); will share spreadsheet with other ACOS group members.
 - Has not yet addressed a staff meeting.
 - Bins are located in the copy room.
- Manchester (Janet/temporary)
 - Has not met with principal or staff
 - Sent email with link to ACOS Enrichment page to staff who had expressed interest.
 - Has not checked on bins this year (previously kept in the instructional specialist's office).
 - ACOS members discussed potential ACOS representative for Manchester.
- Mullenix Ridge (Jude)
 - Met with principal and staff in February.
 - Primary bins are located in a classroom; intermediate bins kept in storage room.
 - Has received requests for copies.
 - Made a 'copy request pouch' for teachers to use (will send copies).
 - Has made packets for kids per teacher requests.
 - Would like to be resent emailed blurbs describing ACOS, enrichment activities, and volunteer availability so the information can go out in teachers' newsletters.
- Hidden Creek (Joanne reporting for Kylie)
 - Has met with principal and staff.
 - Bins are located in the production room.
 - Joanne volunteered to help with making copies.
- EPO (Dianna)
 - Met with principal and staff
 - ACOS members discussed possibilities for making supervised computer/tech time happen.
 - Has not had a chance to look through bins.
- Burley Glenwood/Olalla/Sidney Glen (ACOS representatives not in attendance)
 - Maureen reports that each representative has spoken to principals.
- Orchard Heights
 - Does not yet have an ACOS representative.

Enrichment Activities

- Shannon has many enrichment activities at home that could be used in Brain Power Bins.
- Janet has teacher approved links to online learning she will send to the group to see if they should be added to the website.
- Group members will go through activities they have at home to see what might be good to scan into PDFs to add to the website and print for the bins.

Kahn Academy

- Went over Kahn Academy website:
 - Creating an account
 - Skills assessment test
 - Color coded dashboard (shows practice, mastery of skills)
 - Training video for each skill
- Kahn Academy could be a great enrichment option during the school day.

Developing in Education

- Beginning next year, state law mandates gifted services grades K-12.
- Discussed potential developments.

Upcoming Events

- Gifted Education Day (Olympia, February 28th)
- Camp Invention (STEM Day Camp week of June 23rd)

Other Business

- Website
 - Brought up on smart board and went over Enrichment and Student Games/Online Learning pages.
 - Need to add ACOS General Information contact to Parent Resource page
- Discussed an ACOS presence at schools during conference week.
 - Request was made for copies of ACOS business cards to hand out
- Discussed printing bin copies at school.

Next Meeting: Will be an evening meeting in March; date to be announced

Meeting adjourned at 11:38pm.

Notes recorded by Janet.