

Delta Elementary Community Council Meeting
November 17, 2010
3:00 p.m.

David Noah welcomed members of the Delta Elementary Community Council. He began the meeting with nominations for the offices of president and secretary. It was moved and seconded that Robert Prince be our president and Kari Mitchell be the secretary. The voting was unanimous for these two individuals.

A discussion was conducted on the common core. We were told that our children need to be more competitive. We need to do more writing. Students in the early grades can do research and use the computer.

Carol Nielson is part of a group that is comparing the common core with the state core. They are developing grade level lesson plans for their December meeting. Next summer the teachers who attend Core Academy will be trained as trainers in the common core. There will be a big push in writing. We will need to re-evaluate some of our programs.

Mr. Noah asked the question, "Do we need to change some of our methods?" It was brought up that our children have only one opportunity a week to use the computer lab. If we were to bring four computers into each classroom, children would have far more opportunities to use computers, the internet, and programs. Parental involvement with this computer time would be essential.

Superintendent David Styler asked us to look at the calendar options for the coming school year. The district would really like the input of parents.

We discussed the parking lot problem. Some suggestions were given. There are some planned changes to the parking lot. The outside stalls will be changed to allow for parking at the curb to pick up and drop off students.

DeAnn Burton shared a chart and graph that showed the data on the DIBELS over the past several years. Our fluency rate decreased this last year. We need to take steps to improve our fluency. This can be done through repeated readings, reader's theater, poetry, Fry phrases, and sight word practice.

We are waiting for the closing of the MAPs window to retrieve our dynamic reports from the NWEA site.

Jennifer Neilson, our Math Americorp person has implemented a Homework Club during the lunch hour for students who are not completing their homework in math. Our first grade teachers requested extra reading help at this time for reading. Danielle Morgan, one of our Americorp people, is in the process of arranging for volunteers to meet this need.

We are looking at doing “Cross-Age Tutoring” with third grade students tutoring first grade students and fourth grade students tutoring second grade students in reading. We are taking advantage of “Schools-to-Careers” and “Latinos in Action.” We are still searching for volunteers from the community.

Mrs. Anderson posed the question, “If there is so much emphasis on ‘No Child Left Behind’ what happens to the kids who are on grade level?” It was pointed out that we are trying to group so that the needs of all children are met.