

Minutes from TPES Meeting 10/06/09

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Shruti Bhatnagar, President

Welcome by Shruti Bhatnagar

Principal's Address – Zadia Gadsden

Review of bus behavior: purple, red, and white still have behavior issues. Positive reinforcement program of giving stars to buses with good behavior is working. 20 stars earned will be redeemed for a popcorn party. School instruction is going well between teachers and students. TPES building construction is ahead of schedule, progress is displayed via photo display in front lobby of Grosvenor facility. Computer glitch at fault for non working swipe cards; should be fixed by next morning, 11/4/09. MCPS has approved resources to hire a bus monitor but must be current MCPS employee willing to do the job. Shruti Bhatnagar, Lisa Moran, Scott Ward, and Beth Gorman working to have parents volunteer as bus monitors. Code red/code blue drill at TPES week of 11/9/09.

Reading Block/Guided Reading – Ms. Koopman, reading specialist

Whole group lesson, 15 min, teacher following guide objectives addressing students on rug and follow up at desks. Guided reading, 15 min, small group reading with teacher based on reading level and reading centers for those not reading in small group at the time.

Ms. Woods, K teacher, and Mrs. Harvey, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher shared upcoming classroom lessons/plans for November.

Ms. Vivek, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, shared detailed information about guided reading lessons and activities for students. It included summarizing text, making inferences and exposure to BCR writing. Testing to determine students reading levels discussed as well as reading enrichment programs like Jr. Great Books.

Election of Scott Ward to PTA executive committee as Vice President of Communications – 10 members voting. Motion made by Shruti Bhatnagar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Moran. Motion carried.

ESOL Night planned for Tuesday, November 10 as joint event with PBES at that location.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Cathy Ocheltree, TPES PTA Secretary



