

Site Council Notes

11-17-21

Attendance:

Team members present (Linh Ho unavailable)

Two non-member parent guests (Kris Gorman and Scott Travis)

Groves presenter – Colette Owens

Groves Presentation:

-Area Supt offered Groves program to Northrop. Andy would not commit until approval from k-3rd teachers

-12/14 teachers agreed to implement

-is MPS and/or Northrop dissatisfied with Benchmark Literacy curriculum?

-is Benchmark focused on teaching “white” students?

-Groves power point presented by Colette with history/data of Groves program

-data shared is also in teacher manuals

-* Northrop requested handout for families explaining program (Colette will get information for us)

-* is there a home component?

-parent asked if this is a drastic change in how we have been teaching phonics and handwriting

-three-year training before teachers master implementation

-teachers will become certified after completing St. Thomas coursework

-More information available in Groves Power Point

-Colette answered parent questions/concerns

Watching Students Learn to Read: MAGIC

Knowing how they get there: SCIENCE

Report cards

-feedback from parents attending

-“I don’t know how to make sense of it”

-“nice to have explanation of why there are blanks”

-“writing on the right side does not align with score on the left side”

Agenda for next meeting:

- A parent sent email to site council wondering how advanced learners are identified at Northrop

December Site Council meeting canceled until January