

Mapleton School Community Council Minutes: November 13th, 2023

In Attendance: Cami Thomas (principal), Larisa Hayden, Hali Newbold, Alisa Liston, Natalie Palmer, Jana Nance, Katie Thorpe, Margie Jordan

Absent: No one

Minutes:

- 1) Pledge- Pledge was led by Hali Newbold

- 2) Cami Thomas reviewed what was talked about at the area SCC meeting. They discussed the openings of the new high school rebuilds. Ribbon cuttings will happen in the spring. The district also shared several projects being worked on right now. They are trying to make sure all the high schools have the same facilities for students. The district is also working on making all the schools secure. They currently have 21 schools that have added the double safety doors. The majority of the meeting was spent on how the district is using funds.

- 3) Cami reviewed our current TSSA (Teacher and Student Success Act) Funds and how we are using them. On our school website on the SCC tab you can look up our school trust lands. We have hovered around the \$80,000 mark for a few years.

- 4) Cami reviewed school wide reading and math data. Our scores in math and reading according to the state testing we do –called Acadience–Mapleton is at the top of the district in those areas. Our RISE testing data is putting us around 7 or 8 in the district. We have increased the RISE scores in the last year in math and reading but still hover around 50%.

- 5) Cami explained the Professional Development we have been working on at our school. We identified a problem of practice in our classrooms and decided that we could improve by increasing rigor with students as well as having students know and understand what they are learning. Our focus with this has been in reading. We are going to begin pulling apart our state core standards to make sure we are pushing students to the higher levels of learning with the standards. The school feels this will help increase the RISE scores in reading and math and potentially science going forward.

6) We held a discussion about how to raise some of the RISE testing scores including: potentially hiring someone to focus on science concepts, potentially making one of the specialties times a science specialist, or maybe a STEM time. This will be something discussed further as we write our TSSA goals and decide where the funding from trustlands will go. School staff explained some of the current things we are doing in moving toward our goals.

7) Next meeting will be December 11th @ 9:30.