

Literacy Committee Minutes

10-7-16

The team discussed the updated directions for the staff reading survey that will help drive our list of reading non-negotiables. The teachers that do not deliver reading instruction do not need to complete the survey. Keri will email the teachers to let them know that they do not need to respond.

The team wants to have those non-negotiables completed soon so teachers can begin to make adjustments in the classroom.

40 4th graders and 23 5th graders needed to be assessed on mClass.

Keri showed team how to get into mClass and look at the reports she has shared with us.

The team compared EOY scores for K last year to BOY 1st grade this year so we can see if they lost any over the summer and rater reliability. Scores were almost the same for each grade level. Some scores on the TRC were skewed due to errors. We discussed the importance of being consistent across the grade level on administration. The mCLASS team is working on a review before the MOY administration.

We looked closely at the difference in TRC proficiency levels compared to EOG scores. Is the writing component of the TRC making kids that are proficient readers classified as non-proficient readers? For example, a TRC identified non-proficient reader scored a level 4 or 5 on an EOG. We discussed that written responses to reading need to become a required part of daily reading instruction. Unfortunately, this question was not asked in our frequency survey of best practices. The data supports that as a reading committee from our SIP, we may need to include written response to reading in our nonnegotiable. We discussed a possible need to determine a general framework that could be laid out for the school as to what the expectations are for written responses to reading, but individual grade levels need to come up with what it will look like and how it will be implemented on their grade level.

We realized that we had not scheduled our next meeting when the bell rang. Mr. Nixon expressed his desire to provide us with a half day substitute so that we can plan more extensively. Morgan and the rest of the committee agreed to the idea and are very thankful.

Keri will email the team when the staff survey is complete.