

**Fifth District Elementary  
School Improvement Team Minutes  
November 13, 2006**

Attending: Paul Balsamo, Lynn Wisner, Penny Wilson, Mimi Charitonuk, Dawn Elliott, Chuck Brent, Mark DiPaula, Mary Boegner, BJ Gill

The team reviewed the approved School Improvement Plan (SIP) and discussed the new initiatives for the Math, Reading, and Parent Involvement/Behavior and Safety sections.

**READING:** Page eight of the SIP lists all new initiatives for the reading section. Kurzweil and SIPPS were explained to the parents on the SIT. These programs were added for students that may need extra help throughout the year. During this discussion, parents raised questions about notifications when children were identified for the GT program. There were some concerns regarding the parent notification of last year's third grade. The teacher members of the team clarified the process and noted that a parent meeting will be held in December to provide information for parents about the Gifted and Talented program from kindergarten through grade 5.

**MATH:** Page sixteen of SIP lists all new initiatives for the math section. Scott Foresman Addison Wesley technology links would allow students and parents to review math text on line. This technology is very new and training for some school staff is being held on November 29, 2006. More information will be given on this at the next SIT meeting.

Primary math night and the idea of opening it to all grades were discussed. Some suggestions were given for the parents of older grades in how to better interact with their child using up-to-date math techniques and strategies. The details of this evening will become solidified after the technology training.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT/BEHAVIOR/SAFETY:**

No specific discussion or questions arose regarding these sections of the School Improvement Plan

The Climate Survey will be sent out next month and scored with a new bubble sheet response form to allow Baltimore County to return the results to our school in a timelier manner.

**New Business:**

A parent concern was raised about notifications from the nurse when a child has visited the health suite.

The Team discussed how parents are notified when a child has been sent to the nurse other than for a serious injury. Mrs. Flanagan will be asked to clarify the protocol for notification at the next meeting.