

**4/5 PLC Minutes
Mendenhall River Community School
November 8, 2010**

The PLC Meeting was held in Ms. Kent's room from 1:30-3:00.

In Attendance: Elizabeth Kent, Amy Ballard, Eliza Lende, Adam Berkey, Angie Wright, Sunshine Winn, Dana Blackwell, Amy Witt, Lavair Swingle, Darcie Seibel, Kathy Iliev, Dick Fagnant, Snova Parish, Kim Janelle.

Agenda:

1. Writing traits
2. Future PLC topics
3. Homework/Homework Club
4. Sharing Resources

Writing Traits/Assessments

Using the data from scoring writing assessments, teachers will look for trends in areas of strengths and weaknesses within the 6 traits of writing.

Teachers will keep samples of writing assessments in students' portfolios to show growth of students' progress over time.

The December 13th PLC has a writing focus for all PLC groups. Those PLC members who are comfortable with scoring the 6 Traits of Writing will spend time addressing the gaps and weaknesses of their specific classes. Otherwise, PLC members, K-5, will receive training from Dick Fagnant on scoring of the 6 Traits of writing.

The group discussed possible resources to assist with implementing a classroom Writing Workshop. Teachers' current schedules make it difficult to use the writing workshop format. Teachers will bring their schedules to the next PLC to look at how a consistent writing block can be put into their schedules.

Future PLC Topics

The group planned the following PLC schedule and agenda items: bring lessons and ideas to share for a specific writing trait

Dec. 13 – Organization	facilitator/host– Adam
Jan. 24 – Sentence Fluency	facilitator/host - Wright
Feb. 28 – Voice	facilitator/host - Eliza
Apr. 10 – Word Choice	facilitator/host – Kathy

Homework Club

Teachers feel there is a need for a homework club. Transportation home is a problem. We would like to request funds for an after school bus and snack. We would like to see it offered on Tues. and Thurs. from 2:30-3:30. Two adults would be responsible for running the club. At some schools staff get paid for running clubs. Our group wonders where the funding comes from. Kim will set up a meeting to talk with Mr. Hicks about possible funding for a bus.

Resources/Units of Study

Teachers want to share resources and materials for upcoming units of study rather than reinvent the wheel. Particular areas of need are books on Alaska and American Native groups.

Next PLC Meeting: November 22, 2010