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Concord PreK-5

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Title I December PSCC Meeting Minutes Parent & Family Training 12-19-2023

- PAC Review
 - Mindy Payne – Thank you!
- Superintendent Dr. Wayne Walters greeted the PAC members and discussed the strategic plan. Dr. Walters urged members to encourage families to share their feedback to the framework on the website: <https://www.pghschools.org/strategicplan>

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- . There are still a few feedback sessions open in January (dates on website) that families can participate in.
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- Dr. Walters answered questions from PAC members including how the capital improvement plan will include installing air-conditioning in some school buildings, as well as the procedure for receiving state approval for emergency closings (due to snow, cold or heat, for example).
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- Tamiya Larkin, Title Programs Coordinator, then discussed allocation of Title I, II and IV funds, and general and allowable uses of funds. In summary, Title I programs are designed to help children meet the state content and performance standards in reading, language arts, and mathematics. In buildings with 40% or more poverty, LEAs may use the funds to upgrade the entire curriculum of the school and are Schoolwide Programs.
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- Title II, Part A, is a 100% Federally funded supplemental educational program that provides financial assistance to improve the skills of teachers and the quality of instruction in core academic subjects in public and private elementary and secondary schools.
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- Title IV (known as Student Support and Academic Achievement Grants) provides funding for three areas: a WELL-ROUNDED education, safe and healthy schools and the effective use of technology. Schools receive



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funding and have flexibility in the amount and the way they spend these federal funds.

- Parent Training- Open Court Literacy Curriculum (Literacy Coach Mrs. McDonald)
 - Pittsburgh Public Schools convened a committee that reviewed several curriculums and adopted Open Court.
 - This is the first year that teachers are implementing and embracing the Open Court Curriculum.

The Science of Reading at Work

Read what the **Research** says about eight critical areas of literacy learning, and see how *Open Court Reading* puts this research into **Action**.

Print and Book Awareness

Phonological and Phonemic Awareness

Phonics and Decoding

Word Analysis

Fluency

Vocabulary

Comprehension

Writing





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Literacy

K	Letter Recognition	Print / Book Awareness	Phonological and Phonemic Awareness	Phonics and Fluency	Vocabulary and Comprehension	Inquiry	Writing and Grammar
1	Letter / Book / Print Awareness	Phonemic Awareness	Phonics and Fluency	Vocabulary and Comprehension	Inquiry	Language Arts, Writing, Spelling, and Grammar	
2	Phonics / Word Analysis		Fluency	Vocabulary and Comprehension	Inquiry	Language Arts, Writing, Spelling, and Grammar	
3	Phonics / Word Analysis		Fluency	Vocabulary and Comprehension	Inquiry	Language Arts, Writing, Spelling, and Grammar	
4	Word Analysis	Fluency	Vocabulary and Comprehension	Inquiry	Language Arts, Writing, Spelling, and Grammar		
5	Word Analysis	Fluency	Vocabulary and Comprehension	Inquiry	Language Arts, Writing, Spelling, and Grammar		



Three- Part
Cycle

The primary focus of SRA Open Court Reading is having students become confident readers.

The daily lesson employs a three- part cycle:

Part 1 Foundational Skills

Part 2 Reading and Responding

Part 3 Language Arts



- Fundraising
 - Pepperoni Roll Sale-January 3rd-11th
 - Mrs. Pozza will push the flyer out in TalkingPoints and on Facebook over Winter Break.
 - Orders will be delivered on January 22, 2024
 - Mrs. Pozza will schedule a Chipotle Night for February.



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• Upcoming Events

- Family Movie Night – January 24, 2024
 - Elemental was suggested.
 - Mrs. Pozza will buy snacks for parents to sell.
 - Mrs. Pozza will contact the local police station to see if an officer will attend.

Parent Concerns –

- PBIS points are distributed as part of the “Bee Here” Campaign. Should kindergarteners not get points since they have no control over attendance?
 - The school staff recognizes that parents are the ultimate decision makers. For that reason, we offer rewards every 10 school days, so kids have many opportunities to earn PBIS points.
- Next PSCC -January 16, 2024, at 4:15 pm
 - Concord’s community partner Casa San Jose will present to Concord’s Spanish speaking families about community resources.

- Raffle – Congratulations to Ms. Blake, who won a \$25 Aldi gift card.