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PSCC Minutes
10/11/23
8:15-9:00 AM

Attendees: see attached sign in

- Open Court Overview
 - Reviewed the reason for the new curriculum and how it was chosen
 - Quick intro of the science of reading
 - Discussed different themes each unit but themes run consistent across all grade levels
 - Reviewed the instructional focus chart and talked about how more time is spent on foundational skills in K/1
 - Identified the 3 bands for the parents and discussed possible activities and what is taught in each band
 - Reviewed chart of the sound spelling cards and discussed how they are used to help children decode and encode (spell)

- Questions??
 - Parent asked about DIBELS scores. It was explained what benchmark was for that grade and how many words they should improve by. Ways to improve fluency at home were also offered.