

**Benton Middle School
Principal's Advisory Council
January 21, 2025 - Minutes
6:00 – Zoom**

Mrs. Hadsall called the meeting to order with an introduction of the participants of the PAC meeting. In attendance were: Jerri Piacesi (Principal); Kathy Erickson (Assistant Principal); Claudia Smith (Parent/SACI); Sally Holland (Classified Staff); Emily Johnson (Science); Casey Hadsall (Parent/Chair); Karen Edwards (EL); and Vanessa Olson (Parent/SACI).

1. Administrative Business - Mrs. Hadsall

The council voted unanimously to adopt the proposed By-Laws.

2. Principal's Report – Mrs. Piacesi

Mrs. Piacesi shared that three additional teacher's assistant have been hired to support our programs. One will support our Level 2 special education students. One will support our Level 1 special education students in the general education setting. The final teacher's assistant will support our Restorative Practices Room. Our Restorative Practices room will replace ISS and focus on helping students develop skills to improve their interactions and behaviors. Intensive training has been provided by our MTSS staff to implement these strategies. We are currently interviewing for an additional teacher's assistant position.

Mrs. Piacesi also shared that Benton is exploring adding American Sign Language to our World Languages program. Parent interest survey shows interest in the addition. This program will allow those students to communicate with our students in our Deaf and Hard of Hearing program.

Mrs. Piacesi shared information from the Staff Leadership Team. We will revise the number of passes students can use per day from four to three.

Mrs. Piacesi will share student assessment progress and CIP progress at the next meeting.

3. SACI Report – Mrs. Smith/Mrs. Olson

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Olson shared information from the last SACI meeting. The division representatives explained the many curriculum changes that are being implemented over the next two years. This year K-8 Mathematics and Language Arts curriculums have been implemented. Next year Science and Social Studies will be implemented. The SOL's will reflect the new standards. The state will offer additional materials following implementation. The topic of assessments was also discussed at the SACI meeting. The state is trending toward critical thinking assessments and writing rather than multiple

choice assessments. Both state and local assessment calendars were shared. Mrs. Piacesi will share these dates with the community and ensure Mrs. Escobar will have access.

4. Round Table – Mrs. Hadsall

There were no concerns or comments from the group members.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 18th, Hybrid