

SOT 01/30/2025

30 January 2025 / 3:30 PM / OES Meeting / Library

1.0 Welcome and Roll Call

Members in attendance: Katherine Allen, Tara Burgess, Dianne Jackson, Jyssica Sherwood, Ashley Newson, Stephanie Reed, Christine Newson, Jennifer Speakman, Kody Barto

2.0 Public Comment Period

No public comments at this time

3.0 New Items

- **3.1 Minutes** from the last SOT meeting on December 13, 2024 were approved.
- **3.2 Staffing/Budget** We are back to pre-COVID staffing/numbers. There were extra funds from the government after the pandemic that was given to schools to help, but that money was used up by July of last year. Our budget is down over \$600,000 from last year. This budget is used to pay for staff at our school. They average that a teacher costs \$126,392. Using that cost and the budget that we have, our school's lead team met to see how that can be used best to staff our school. We have significantly less students attending our school than what we have had historically. Because of this, the following changes are being made next school year. Our school will be losing four teachers next year. Humanities will no longer be a special. This year we had an extra SPTA, but we will not have one next year. Our SEIF will be half time. One teacher will be moving into a self contained classroom. The budget was approved by the SOT team.

4.0 General Discussion

- **4.1 Agenda Planning:** School Performance Plan will be discussed at the next meeting.

5.0 Public Comment Period

- Parents in attendance asked if there is anything that can be done to keep teachers or add funding for next year, but they were instructed that there is not.
- Parents voiced that they are concerned about their students not having humanities as a special each week. They shared that there are other specials that they feel would be better choices to cut. It was discussed that the computer science/technology standards will still be taught by classroom teachers and the librarian. The SOT team voted on whether or not to take this back to the lead team, and it was decided that because the staff had already thoughtfully considered the subject, we will keep humanities as the special that will be cut.

6.0 Information

- **Meeting dates and times:** The next SOT meeting will be held on February 6th at 3:30 in the OES Library.