

**NATCHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL BASED DECISION MAKING COUNCIL
Monday, June 13, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.**

Virtual Meeting: <https://meet.google.com/cqh-rvbb-nuh>

The purpose of this council is to improve every student's achievement.

The William H. Natcher Elementary School Based Decision Making Council met today via video conference. Those in attendance were: Matt Thornhill, Andrea Partington, Lisa Flynn, Ellen Buselmeier, Shanetti Jones, Maria Jones, and (Secretary) Misty Rich-Flickinger. Principal Matt Thornhill opened the session. Guests: Jenny Bryant.

Approved Minutes

1. Opening Business
 - a. Agenda Approval
 - Mrs. Jones motioned to approve, Mrs. Buselmeier seconded. All accepted.
 - b. Review of Minutes
 - Mrs. Partington motioned to approve, Mrs. Flynn seconded. All accepted.
 - c. Good News Report
 - Construction of the outdoor classroom is rolling. District will take care of the concrete patio!
 - d. Public Comment
 - Mrs. Jones mentioned the need for assessing students once they return to school, to see where they stand at that point after a long absence from in-person school. Different ideas were discussed.
 - e. Reports
 - Budget:
 1. Looks strong and healthy at this point. Budget will be scanned and emailed out to SBDM members later. Mr. Thornhill discussed using the Title 1 budget to help supplement classroom budgets to provide items to reduce the need for community supplies.
 - FRC Report:
 1. Weekly food deliveries, partnership with Christ United Methodist Church (willing to help with supplies), Backpack Food Program, etc. She is busy as always.
 - f. Old Business
 - Natcher Elementary Policy Review: Homework Policy (request by 6th grade
 - a. *(Last Reading)* - Modification Accepted
 2. Reviewed policy.
 3. The 6th grade team suggested a modification. Rewording so that students/parents are clear in understanding that classwork not completed at school MUST be completed at home. Students are

given time to work and if they need to take a lot home, often, a parent/teacher conference should take place.

4. Changes will be made. 2 readings will take place for changes to be made.
5. The recommendation is as follows:

10. HOMEWORK POLICY:

Homework will only consist of **enriching exercises of lessons learned** ~~Reading each night, studying for upcoming tests, and any special projects that are assigned throughout the year.~~

Students ~~who did not finish work during the school day,~~ will have an opportunity to complete **work during the school day.** ~~before school, during the Response to Intervention (RtI) block, and during dismissal.~~ **Students who do not complete the enriching exercises of lessons**

learned during the school day will be expected to complete them at home. If a child is not completing work during the day on a regular basis, then we will have a parent meeting to see why the child is not getting the material done during school hours.

It should also be noted the following statement is included in the student handbook:

HOMEWORK

(See attached SBDM Council Homework Policy)

Natcher Elementary encourages all students to set high academic standards and to be invested in their own learning. This requires students to develop and refine such habits as Be Proactive, Begin with the End in Mind, and Put First Things First. **Time will be provided during the school day to complete work. However, students who do not complete the enriching exercises of lessons learned during the school day will be expected to complete them at home.** Teachers may **also,** at their discretion, provide opportunities throughout the year for students to improve poor scores. However, Natcher Elementary supports the professional opinion of the teacher to make decisions in the best interest of each student regarding the implementation of this practice.

2. New Business

- a. Update on the start of the 2020-21 school year
 - Discussed numbers of the “intent” survey. At this time 25% of responses intend to participate in the Virtual Academy.
 - Updated members on cafeteria conversations with Melissa Smith. A lot of brainstorming is taking place.

