



Medford Public School
ISD #763

Medford School Board Meeting
August 18, 2014
Medford Elementary School – Mr. Ristau

NEW STAFFING FOR 2014-2015

Kirsten Sundquist – Reading Specialist
Angie Bierlen – Preschool / ECFE

Kirsten Sundquist will be working as our Elementary Reading Specialist. Kirsten graduated high school from Champlin Park, MN. Kirsten went to college at St. Cloud State University and earned a degree in Elementary Education. Kirsten most recently worked for the Owatonna School District as a Reading Intervention Teacher. Prior to working in Owatonna, Kirsten was a primary teacher with New Horizon in Blaine, MN.

Angie Bierlen will be our new Pre-School/ECFE Teacher. Angie graduated high school from Owatonna, MN. Angie attended Winona State University and earned degrees in Elementary Education and Early Childhood. Angie most recently was the Freeborn County Head Start Coordinator. Prior to that position, Angie was a preschool teacher in Waseca, MN.

STANDARDS BASED GRADING (SBG)

Parent communication - Hand-out

HANDBOOKS

MES Parent / Student Handbook
MES Faculty Handbook

AMERICORPS - (WORKER TO BE PLACED IN PRESCHOOL)

Service Position Summary:

AmeriCorps LEAP members are part of a team of advocates, coaches and champions for preschool children identified as falling behind in social and emotion regulation skills critical to Kindergarten success. Members receive training in the Mind Up curriculum and TACSEI tools to implement social-emotional learning (SEL) strategies through 1:1, small group and teachable moments with children throughout the daily preschool classroom schedule. LEAP members promote routine reading at home to increase quiet bonding time and word awareness with a six-book distribution to all children. Members share topic information and encourage parent engagement in site-related family events and recruit parent volunteers as needed. Data is collected on all member service activity using child assessments, parent satisfaction surveys and attendance logs to monitor progress in reaching LEAP grant performance objectives.

ENGLISH LEARNERS (EL) SUMMER UPDATE

Mrs. Welle-Erwin has volunteered at the Lazy U Trailer Park again this summer. She organized a bookmobile with the help of the Medford staff for our EL students and their families to use. Mrs. Welle-Erwin also met with adults and taught an ESL class. In all 24 families were serviced.

ATTENDANCE

MES will begin our second year working with the Steele County Attendance Review Board (ARB). Below is a short summary of attendance occurrences before and after the ARB was used.

<u>Year</u>	<u>10-14 days absent</u>	<u>15+ days absent</u>
12-13	67 students	28 students
13-14	50 students	22 students



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