

Grace Thille School
Title I Annual Meeting

September 9, 2022

8:00 a.m. cafeteria

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1. Welcome and sign-in – Meeting began at 8:20 a.m. See attached sign-in sheet for members in attendance. Mrs. Maxwell welcomed parents and families and thanked them for being part of this important meeting. Mrs. Maxwell stated the purpose of the meeting which was to inform parents about the Title I Program and the ways we are supporting our students with the Title I funds we receive.

2. Title I Program – Mrs. Maxwell explained the following: The Title I Program is a federally funded program that provides financial support to schools with high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. The money is intended to provide programs and services to help provide students with opportunities and services that will help them meet the academic standards. Funds are allocated to districts in which the number of children from low-income families is at least 10 students and at least 5 percent of the District’s school-age population. Grace Thille is approximately 92% low-income. Schools in which children from low-income families make up at least 40 percent of enrollment are eligible to use Title I funds for school wide programs that serve all children in the school. Since our school exceeds that 40%, we qualify for school wide Title I so all students can benefit from programs and services provided through Title I funding.

3. Title I Funds – Mrs. Maxwell explained that Grace Thille received \$52,377 in Title I funds this school year. The SSC, which is comprised of parents, staff members and the principal, evaluate data and create a plan for how we will address the needs of the students each year using Title I funds. The SSC monitors the use of funds and evaluates the effectiveness of the services each year. The SSC also regularly reviews student data throughout the school year.

4. Title I School Parent Involvement Plan – Mrs. Maxwell explained that the Parent Involvement Policy is provided to all parents at the beginning of the year with their registration packet and essentially summarizes parent opportunities to

be involved partner with the school. It also stresses the importance of a strong home/school partnership. This policy is reviewed and updated annually with the School Site Council.

5. Title I School-Parent Compact – Mrs. Maxwell explained that the Home/School Compact is also provided to every family at registration time. It is an agreement between students, parents and teachers which outlines the parent, student and teacher responsibilities and discusses the importance of working together as a team to support student learning.
6. School's Previous Year's Progress – Mrs. Maxwell shared the CAASPP data for the 20-21 school year. Grace Thille student scores did show a decline however this is evidenced across the entire state and country due to the effects of the Covid pandemic.
7. Uniform Complaint Procedures – Mrs. Maxwell explained that at Grace Thille School we work diligently to resolve any issues that may come up. Oftentimes, a conversation with the individual with whom someone has a concern provides sufficient opportunity for both parties to resolve their issues. If parents are unable to resolve the issue by speaking to the staff member with whom they have a concern, Mrs. Maxwell is happy to help with resolving the issue. Public schools are responsible for compliance with state and federal regulations. Should a parent have a complaint or concern about any of the programs listed on the Annual Notice and none of the steps mentioned above result in a solution, the parent may contact the individual at the district office who is responsible for that program and attempt to resolve the issue with that district person. If there is still no resolution, the individual may file a Uniform Complaint with the district office. Complaints are then investigated and a written decision is returned to the complainant within 60 days. The forms are available at the district office.
- 8) Important Dates - ELAC, SSC and Coffee with the principal were shared.
- 9) Opportunities to Volunteer – It is important for parents to be involved and show their children that education is important. We have lots of things parents can do, such as help in classrooms, chaperone study trips, volunteer in classrooms, help organize our clothing closet, etc.