

Kohl SIT Minutes
November 6, 2008

1. Attendees were; Ben Diamond, Jackie Howard, Stacey Klemp, Pam Gentry, Jill Lewis, Cindy Kaier.
2. Kohl Accreditation Visit will be Tuesday, December 2 and Wednesday, December 3. A team including; the principal from Louisville Elementary, Karen Daley from BVSD, an RTI specialist from Cherry Creek School District and several classroom teachers will evaluate the school. They will meet with the TIES team, grade level teams and observe classrooms. They will also meet with parents.
Parents, especially SIT and PTA board members, are asked to attend at 3:00 on both days. On Tuesday, the evaluation team will have questions for parents. On Wednesday, the team will report their observations to parents.
The team will recommend to the school board whether or not Kohl should receive accreditation. This process takes place every 5 years for each school in BVSD. The team's perspective provides valuable feedback for Kohl.
3. DAC review of Kohl SIP. Cindy, Jill, Miss Galt and Mrs. Fidino met with representatives of DAC to answer questions about our SIP. DAC commended us on having a detailed and thoughtful plan. We should have their feedback in a week or so with any recommendations for changes to the plan.
4. Our first SIP status report is due to DAC on 11-10. The TIES team has summarized Kohl's accomplishments to date. Some of them are:
Staff training from Sitton rep on teaching mechanics and conventions of writing.
Professional Development Day used to begin implementation of Lucy Calkins writing program.
Writing rubrics were handed out to parents during PT conferences.
Added a RIDE section for classroom behavior. RIDE guidelines have been condensed to a single page.
Added trash cans to the playgrounds so students can help keep them clean.

The goals are posted on the entryway bulletin boards again this year. The SIP has been communicated to parents in the monthly Kohl Communicator.
5. The group suggested a curriculum night (like the reading night last year). This would take place after the January writing evaluations. It will include specific strategies targeted to various writing levels. This would help us with our writing goal.

****Next meetings:**

December 2 & 3, 3:00 to meet with accreditation team

January 13 Parent update on status of plan, DAC review and accreditation visit.

Please join us.

Watch the bulletin boards to see the progress on SIP.