**Urbandale Middle School Planning**

**General Meeting**

Date | time 9/14/2015 7:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Michelle Vedder

# In Attendance

**Co-President:** Michelle Vedder

**Co-Treasurer:** Sue Mears

**Secretary:** Jeff Braaten

**Principal:** Loren DeKruyf

Eleven parents were also in attendance

# The Iowa Core in Urbandale

Facilitators of Curriculum and Professional Learning

Michelle Cole

Lindie Truitt

Steve Mefford

Three district facilitators presented the Iowa core in Urbandale.

 English Math Science and Social studies.

The main goal of the common core is to be college or career ready.

* Literacy
* Mathematics
* Science
* Social Studies
* 21st century skills

A standard is the expectation of learning. A standard is not standardized one size fits all instruction, a particular set of instructional materials it is not a way to teach

* Implementation planning in a professional learning community.
Grade 6 Example-

 Reading Literature Standard 6.2

Determine a theme or central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through a particular details: provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgements.

Possible Student Objectives:

I can identify a theme of a text.

I can provide evidence of the theme.

I can retell (summarize) a text without using my opinion.

* Work is done in content teams with teachers from each grade level/subject.
* Work is facilitated by the Teaching & learning department.
* Identifying the vision.
* Read and study the Iowa Core.
* Develop the Urbandale “I can” statements.
* Decide on course structure/sequence.
* Write units of instruction along with aligned assessments.
* Explore resources and materials needed to teach.

Implement the new curriculum with ongoing professional development.

The science standards will change in the next few years.

# Approval of Minutes for May and August

There was a motion by Becky to approve the minutes seconded by Sue motion passed no discussion.

# Treasurer’s Report

July and August Reports were presented. There was a motion made and seconded to approve the treasurer’s reports motion passed no discussion. There was motion seconded by Jeff to approve the regular budget, motion passed no discussion.

With no additional fundraising, the balance available to provide for building needs is $4,570.89

Potential building needs, as identified by Mr. DeKruyf:

* Art - $1,000
* Special services - $1,000
* ESL - $500-$1,000
* Technology in certain rooms (PE identified as highest priority) -$???

There was a lengthy discussion on how, when, and who should spend funds that are raised by the PTO.

Chris Winter volunteered to contact Christian Photo to see if they would donate a camera. There was a motion made and seconded to donate $1,000 to Art, Special Services, and ESL motion passed no discussion.

There was a motion made Chris seconded by Sue to allow an allocation of $100 to 10 ten teachers for a total of $1,000 through an application process motion passed no discussion.

# Upcoming Events

7th Grade Honors: 9/17 at 2:40 UMS Commons.

8th Grade Honors: 9/18 at 2:40 UMS Commons.

6th Grade Party: 10/14 from 3:05-5:00

7th Grade Party: 10/23 from 6:00-8:00

8th Grade Party: 11/13 from 6:00-8:00

Conferences: 11/05 & 11/10 (Book Fair)

Vendor Fair: 11/07 from 9:00-9:30

The next general meeting on November 2nd at 7:00 in the UMS Library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40.