

LINK Advisory Council
November 17, 2017
Meeting Notes

**Start Time: 1:05pm

- Started meeting with a LINK photo slideshow showcasing all of the things that had been happening within the grant thus far
- Clabe thanked those in attendance for their partnerships and for working so well with the LINK team
- Clabe encouraged the school districts to spend more of their LINK funding for literacy related materials
- A question arose if it was possible to move funds around on the online accounts if they weren't spending much in a certain category
 - Clabe responded that at this time we should wait and see if we can find new vendors that would fulfill those categories that aren't being spent
- It was suggested that the LINK team should look into Ebsco as a new vendor for e-books, magazines, etc.
- It was decided that the next meeting will be on January 19th in Lexington (location to be determined) – The April 20th meeting will also be moved to Lexington (location to be determined)
- Lakeshore was mentioned as a good resource for literacy family nights – schools are able to purchase pretty much anything for those events as long as it ties back to literacy (no food, t-shirts, etc.)
- The summer LINK training will be located in Lexington this year at the Hyatt (one week program)
- Kay explained the Community Captains Program where MSU students come into the schools and assist with literacy techniques (this is a paid stipend, and students are typically only available on Fridays)
- Wendy explained 'Tech Tuesdays' where Emily Northcutt will share tips on how to integrate literacy techniques in the library (this is held on the 1st Tuesday of every month)
- Kay explained the Family Literacy Program where we will work with families to increase engagement and student performance
- Clabe stated that all L3s have been trained to use EVERFI, just in the beginning stages, and have had positive feedback thus far
- SREB has made site visits at all LINK schools at this point, and now plans will be customized for each school/district and then will be implemented
- Wendy explained the Literacy Action Plans (goals for literacy) and stated that plans may change as growth continues; teachers have been excited as they are able to meet and exceed the goals on their plans
- Wendy ended with 'LINK UP' where we should all continue to work as a team to improve literacy across the board

**Meeting concluded at 2:40pm