

# **Terrell County Independent School District Sanderson Schools**

## **School Needs Meeting Minutes Closing Gaps for Students (COVID)**

Staff and parents in attendance at the meeting:

Jessica Harkins, Kindergarten teacher
Gina Roberts, 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> grade teacher
Tami Carrasco, 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> teacher
Micaela Fuentez, Math/Science teacher
Virginia Garza, CTE and Counselor
Sam Magallan, Director of School Operations
Amanda Magallan, Superintendent
Jana Sanchez, parent
Judy Houston, parent
Letty Arredondo, parent

On Friday, May 28, 2021 a committee of staff members and parents met to review the district's data and discuss the instructional needs of the students. After reviewing the STAAR data, the major areas of concern identified were: elementary reading, elementary writing, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade math. The committee identified math and History as strengths for a majority of the students. The deficits identified within the Junior High and High School results were attributed to the gaps that were evidenced in the elementary reading progress.

After reviewing the data and identifying strengths and weaknesses, the committee discussed the instructional needs, possible solutions, and possible supports to address the academic needs of the students. The following suggestions were made:

- Guided reading materials to support the early intervention at the primary grade levels
- Splitting the combined 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom and hiring a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher to better meet the reading/math goals of the primary students.
- Reducing the number of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade combined classes by hiring a JH generalist to help with some of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes.
- Hiring an assistant to help with the PreK and Kindergarten combination.
- Updating computer software to support academic needs: BrainPop, Newsla, and other programs identified by the staff.
- Updated computers to support the software upgrades
- Continue using Reading A-Z; however, to effectively use it, paper, and colored printing will need to be increased.
- Research-based products to support the instruction within the classroom
- Tutorial and Summer School options

This meeting was held in the school library at approximately 9:00 a.m. during the staff workday.