

## Education Advisory Committee Minutes

Date 12/6/17

Attendees: Cobby Witherington, Jim Kellen, Hank Burch, Elizabeth Hammock, Robert Brown, Bob Riggs, Hill Robinson

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION
Meeting called to order at 4:32 pm Fairhope Library	NONE
New EAC Applications	Ken Cole and Colby Cooper will be recommended to the City Council as additions to the EAC.
City Council Funding Discussion	as outlined below

*It is our recommendation, and the Principals' request, that the City Council distribute the \$350,000 currently earmarked in the city budget for use in the 2018-2019 school year as follows:*

<i>High School</i>	<i>\$70,000</i>	<i>Math Intervention Teacher</i>
<i>Middle School</i>	<i>\$70,000</i>	<i>Math Intervention Teacher</i>
<i>Intermediate School</i>	<i>\$70,000</i>	<i>Math or Reading Intervention Teacher*</i>
<i>JLN Elementary</i>	<i>\$70,000</i>	<i>Math Instructional Coach</i>
<i>Elementary</i>	<i>\$70,000</i>	<i>Math or Reading Intervention Teacher*</i>

*Intervention Teachers work directly with students identified through RTI; Instructional Coaches work directly with teachers to develop strategies and breakdown data to improve teacher instruction.*

*\*The need for either a Math or Reading Intervention Teacher will depend upon the need, as identified by test results.*

*We believe it is critical for students to master the disciplines of both reading and mathematics. Hiring full-time Intervention Teachers will allow for remediation/intervention in a small group or one-on-one setting. Instruction in this type of environment has proven to be the most effective way in which to teach struggling students in particular. The success of this investment will be measured by the variance between Fall and Spring benchmark testing (Scantron). Additionally, for those schools who elect to hire a Reading Intervention Teacher, success will be measured by the growth in reading levels using the Fountas and Pinnell guided reading system.*

*Additional Notes:*

*-At FHS and FMS, reading intervention is currently funded via a State Foundation Unit to teach Guided Reading. Hiring the Math Intervention Teacher allows me to provide small-group remediation/intervention in mathematics.*

*-At FES, the Fairhope City Council is currently funding a 19-hour/week part-time instructor. A full-time reading interventionist will be able to see many more students.*