**CCSS ELA: Reading Meeting Notes**

**Staff Meeting 9/20/13**

Absent: Janet Smith (funeral), Barbara Danowitz

Prayer- Jesus Model of a Prayerful Educator read by staff

Petitions

Common Core Standards: 6 Shifts in ELA (powerpoint by Niki)

 Why the shift?- Huge gaps in achievement and expectations

 CCSS are clear, consistent, rigorous and relevant

 \*they are there to prepare students for college and career success

 \*principles of CCSS: fewer, clearer and higher

***6 Shifts in ELA:***

**Shift 1: Balancing Informational and Literary Text**

 getting students into what informational and literary texts are

 expose them to a wide variety

**Shift 2: Knowledge in the Disciplines**

 Less about the teachers stories and more about the students interpretation

**Shift 3: Staircase of Complexity**

 Kids are being given more complex texts (2-3 year jump) but are they able to keep up?

 Challenge them at their level.

 Use content area vocabulary.

 Provide more scaffolding.

**Shift 4: Text-based Answers**

 Kids need to take ownership over their learning.

 Evidence based answers and terminology.

 Ask why! You want kids to be able to prove it.

**Shift 5: Writing from Sources**

 Less emphasis on narrative writing and more on informative and persuasive.

**Shift 6: Academic Vocabulary**

 Regardless of age use academic vocabulary across the disciplines.

 Students read increasingly complex texts on the same topic.

Grade level discussions on what we currently do and how we can better implement each shift into our classroom.

Why is this important for students at SJE?

 consistency

 show relevance

 use terminology/vocabulary across disciplines

 life skills

What will be the most challenging?

 time management

 having students prove their answers

 scaffolding

How would you explain it to a parent?

 show youtube video

 pose the question of what they want for their child

**Staff Meeting 9/27/13**

All staff is present.

Prayer and intentions.

Attendance on Gradelink due everyday at 8:30 (please be accurate)

Chris- Buy Script!

Teachers are encouraged to participate and support SJE.

Order forms on SJE website under fundraisers.

New books for catecatical class will be distributed by Barbara.

8th grade parent info. night- all parents attended!

Let Cathy know which artist you would like for Open House.

October is Respect Life month:

10/1- 10/15 collect change in baby bottles for the offering at mass

Tues. morning 10/1- Comfort Kits will be collected!

Nikki-

Survey monkey

Prezi presentation: Review of what is CCSS

 ELA Strands

 Clusters within the Strands

 Rename the Reading CCR Standards

 Grade level progression template due Nov. 22

**Staff Meeting 11/22/13**

Staff- all present

Prayer- Theme: Love

Grade Level Coordinators were given CCS ELA Reading: Unpacking the Standards binder for K-8 in order to work with team in creating benchmarks due Feb. 21 (first check-in date Dec. 16)

Nikki- Presentation on Assessment (see attachment)

Brainstorming: What do you think of when you hear the word “assessment”?

3 Types of assessment: pre-assessment, formative assessment and summative assessment

Authentic Assessment- students perform real-world tasks that show a meaningful application of skills

Review a CCS ELA Reading Assessment for 4th grade and complete the assessment to align with the CCS ELA Reading and SJE mission.

Break into grade level groups to create a grade level reading assessment