



Deerfield TITLE 1

Parent Meeting
October 7, 2011
Notes

- 1. Welcome and introductions:** The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. by Janelle Willoughby. Janelle introduced herself as Title I Coordinator for Deerfield.
- 2. What is Title 1?:** Title I is a federal program that is administered by the state of California.
- 3. How does IUSD/Deerfield qualify for Title 1 funds?** Deerfield qualifies for Title I funding based on the number of students at Deerfield who receive Free or Reduced-Price Lunch.
- 4. How did your child qualify for Title 1 services?** Students qualify for Title I services based on their scores on state (CST) or district level (LPA, IOLA) testing. Students who score below benchmark/proficient are eligible to receive Title I services. Janelle Willoughby answered a number of questions about specific scores/tests used to identify students.

5. **Review/Update Parent –Student-Teacher Compact and Parental Involvement Policy.** Janelle Willoughby explained that the Parent – Student-Teacher Compact and Parental Involvement Policy had been developed by Deerfield Title I parents and staff and was updated/revised annually. Parent –Student-Teacher Compact and Parental Involvement Policy documents have been posted on the Deerfield web site for two weeks and parents were given hard copies. Janelle Willoughby asked parents to read the Parent –Student-Teacher Compact and Parental Involvement Policy and email any comments/suggestions for revisions to her at jwilloug@iusd.org.

6. **Parent suggestions for Parent Education** None given.

7. **Questions?** Parents offered a number of questions/concerns about students being placed in reading groups according to ability level. Parents were very concerned about students being identified by classmates as being in the low group. Janelle Willoughby agreed that that was always a concern when students were grouped by ability, but that teachers talked about individual student’s strengths and weaknesses and the ability to move across groupings as the year progressed based on new testing.

One parent asked about after school classes for students paid for at district expense. Janelle Willoughby explained that those kinds of services are sometimes offered at schools that may be in program improvement but Janelle Willoughby did not think that students at Deerfield were eligible for that service. Parent was given the name, email and phone number of the person at the district level who is in charge of IUSD Title I to help answer her question.

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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