

On November 29, Flint Simonsen, a professor from Eastern Washington University and our Positive Behavior and Intervention Supports (PBIS) consultant, conducted a 2nd parent meeting to inform the community about the Morton School District's goal of improving student achievement by building a PBIS system. Eight adults attended this meeting to receive this important information.

1. PBIS is a framework that offers schools a way to
 - a) organize their school-wide and classroom discipline plans
 - b) improve their implementation of those plans and
 - c) maximize academic and social behavior outcomes for students.
2. The PBIS philosophy promotes a positive school culture.
3. Effective classroom management and preventive school discipline are essential for supporting teaching and learning.
4. Behavior expectations need to be taught.
5. Praise (not always verbal) needs to be given in a 4:1 positive to negative ratio.
(View www.pbis.org for more information.)

Mr. Simonsen's next parent meeting will be held on Jan. 24, 2012 in the elementary cafeteria. A dinner will be served for all parents of preschoolers through seniors at 5:30 with a PBIS presentation to begin at 6:30.