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I'm sorry that it has taken me this long to respond to your e-mail. As I recall, Mr. Porter handed out a small summary sheet of the 2011-12 Dixie Curriculum Programs and explained the main required components (literacy, math, science) of the students. He also had listed 7 different programs in addition to those that Dixie Sun Elementary students currently have: Steps Literacy, Imagine Learning, Vocal Music, Violins, PE, Computer Curriculum, and Library. The new district requirements specify that all students participate in the Integrated Learning System computer program which adds another 2 hours of Math and Literacy learning per week. This puts some pressure on Dixie Sun as the school days are already tightly scheduled and space to add new and expensive computer equipment will be needed. So, the challenge is to determine which of the 7 other programs could be adjusted in order to accommodate the new ILS computer program. There was discussion of moving the violin to the afterschool program, changing the amount of PE or library times (see community council minutes for further details), or even extending the Friday school day longer in order to accomodate ILS requirements. Those in attendance voiced their concerns and ideas about this new schedule. Mr. Porter thanked all the parents and teachers in attendance at the PTA meeting for voicing their opinions and suggestions about which educational programs were more of a priority for them. That is about all I can remember from the meeting. I tried to find the minutes of the PTA meeting, but they haven't been posted yet. I hope that answers your query Jill. Have a great day!

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