



Community Council Minutes

Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 2:30PM. JA Taylor Elementary School Conference Room.

Attendance

Mrs. Loo, Assistant Principal /Anna Larsen, Teacher representative /Megan Wells, Chair / Kara Hale, Vice Chair / Rachelle Merrill/ Carrie Beckman / Rachel Bronson, Heather Gray, School Technology Specialist

Mrs. Loo reminded the group that the Veterans day assembly will be on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 2:15, it will be a recording.

Megan Wells reminded the council members to do the training for School Community Council members soon in order to be able to report that it was completed.

A discussion regarding communication included suggestion of more regular communication to parents in order to help parents feel more connected and better informed of items related to the school. Suggestions of content that could be included were provided such as including the community council agenda, success stories, tools or resources for parents (such as a "did you know..." section). Mrs. Loo mentioned that emails can be translated into other languages, however she was not sure if a PDF would be translated. It was suggested that the content provided in the PDF posted to facebook be written in email.

The use of classroom space vs portables was discussed. It is always the goal to have teachers in the building, but at times portables are needed due to space limitations. There have been improvements by recapturing unused space.


Kara Hale moved to approve the minutes, Rachelle Merrill Seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Kara Hale moved to approve the Rules of Order. Rachelle Bronson. Motion was approved.

Update on success of Halloween Spooktacular was provided. \$3000 was raised and will be used for technology in the classroom. The Administration will work with teachers to identify their needs.

The School Safety Plan was reviewed. Mrs. Loo provided insight regarding the monthly drills that are planned per district guidelines. In addition small groups will begin in the next couple of weeks for students identified through the SSRS (Student Risk Screening Scale).

The District will provide guidelines in January regarding school projects/Trustland Plan. This year 2021-2022 school year goals are related to increases in academics, so it is a comparison of the beginning of the year to the middle of the year.



Mrs. Larsen requested feedback regarding technology and aids in the classroom from teachers, but only received feedback from 4. Feedback included confirmation that they are using CHAMPS. Teacher Aids are helpful. It would be helpful if there was an additional math coach. I-Ready is appreciated by the teachers due to the information it provides. Pros and Cons with McGraw Hill. One comment was that more planning time and aids in the classroom would be helpful. In 2020-2021 they were able to utilize Friday to plan and it was helpful vs having to do training. Mrs. Larsen will follow up with more teachers to get additional responses.

Heather Gray, School Technology Specialist spoke to us about tools and resources being used in the school. She mentioned Net-Ref, helps teachers monitor students use. Tools from the district are provided. K-2 use Ipads, teachers can monitor app use. In addition, parents can monitor student use as well. The use of sleeves to protect devices was discussed.

An additional concern was mentioned regarding the locks on the kindergarten bathroom stalls. Mrs. Loo stated that she would address it right away.

Kara Hale motioned to adjourn and Rachelle Merrill seconded the motion.