

Orchard Elementary Community Council November 27, 2017 Minutes

Present:

Mike Volmar, Cheri Arrowmith, Ann Clark, Maria Lee, Camie Nielson, Megan Gordon, Virginia Peery, Carolyn Wiberg, Christina Wilson, Alina Ballard

Approved minutes from Oct 2017

Project Lead the Way:

Discussed amount of training teachers had prior to starting: 2 ½ days; Teachers still feeling the learning curve; There is district support if needed; apps for students related to PLTW: Hopscotch, Scratch Jr, Tinker

Reminder for District Community Council Training meeting: Dec 12, 13

Discussed holiday/winter student needs:

Sub for Santa in place; pantry packs, coat drive, food drive, food pantry

Principal Volmar addressed physical school needs and solutions, cost: field is top priority

Review of what Trust Lands Funds are used for.

Ipads and robotics supplies coming for STEM.

Feedback given on new SEP/ILP schedule and setup:

Overall, teachers and parents prefer the old schedule and setup. Not enough time/attention given for each student, stressful for teachers.

Discussed possibility of getting a Buddy Bench on the playground:

Bench for students who need someone to play with at recess: helps morale, social skills, trickles down to performance in class. Home Depot sponsors Buddy Benches: Principal Volmar to follow up with Student Service Council about this.