

Orchard Elementary Community Council

Minutes - March 21, 2016

Present: Mariann Hawkins, Mindy Taylor, Shauna Hardy, Michael Volmar, Karen Kidd, Alisha Foreman, Ryann Parker, Jodi Nichols, Dodie Webb

Motion was made to approve minutes from February 22, 2016. Approval of motion was unanimous.

Test scores for 1st and 2nd grades were reviewed in both Language Arts and Math. The new MobyMax math program was implemented approximately 3 weeks ago and Mrs. Webb said it is helping the kids in her class especially challenging those who are more advanced.

The YTD budget was discussed. The current year budget was \$46,332 plus \$5545 carry over for a total of \$51,877. YTD spent is approx. \$33,000 with \$13,300 encumbered for salaries. The additional \$5,400 will be spent on substitutes for teacher training and computer lab audio. We should be close to a zero balance at the end of the year.

Teacher and student needs were discussed. Mrs. Webb said she has a phonics book set for her class that may be helpful for other 2nd grade classes. The school has the same set on hand to check out and it may be possible to copy the books since the school already owns a copy.

For next year, it was discussed of adding an additional aide. Currently there are three aides and this would increase to four. There were some different ideas on how to most effectively use the new aide to help the teachers. It was also discussed about adding additional enrichment programs to incorporate STEM and after school activities. We will discuss at next meeting on how to incorporate these into next year's plan.

The current year plan includes teacher's professional development and PLC training. Mrs. Parker said the 5th grade is currently using this approach. They have separated the grade into groups and are collaborating to help more effectively teach the students that may not quite grasp certain concepts. So far she said that it seems to be working and some students are showing improvement. Mr. Volmar has scheduled for eight additional teachers to go to the PLC training in June.

The new city plan was briefly discussed. Mr. Volmar met with the city. There will be quite a few apartments added over the next two years which will impact the school. There was also discussion on adding a crossing guard on Eaglepointe Drive and Orchard for those that live south of the roundabout. There is currently no sidewalks on the east of Orchard Drive but the city is going to address that issue.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 4:30 pm