

Mountain View Elementary School Community Council Meeting
Minutes
November 16, 2016
5:30 p.m.
Mountain View Elementary School

In Attendance: Conducting- Kyle Roche, Chair, Parent-Member
Chris Mudrow, Principal
Erika Stewart, Assistant Principal/Teacher-Member
Meggan Baxter, Vice Chair, Parent Member
Nicole Roche, Secretary, Parent-Member
Xavie Augenblick, PTA President
Jason Hall, Parent-Member
Melissa Rueschhoff, Parent Member
Ginger Paxman, Teacher-Member
Phouangchit Kounthong, Teacher-Member

Absent: Julie Baer, Parent Member
Jen Thompson, Parent Member

Visitors: Jami Mitchell, PTA Vice President

1. Welcome

Chair Kyle Roche opened the meeting at 5:36 p.m. Assistant Principal Stewart was presented with chocolate and Diet Coke as requested at the last meeting.

2. Approval of September 28, 2016 Minutes

Chair Roche presented the proposed minutes from September 28, 2016 council meeting. A motion was made by Jason Hall to approve the minutes and was seconded by Principal Mudrow. The minutes were approved without objection.

3. Council Training

Community Council training is available on the schoolandtrust.org website. It had been hoped that training would be completed during this meeting but due to technical difficulties the council agreed it will be each member's responsibility to complete training on their own. Chair Roche will email a link to the training and asks that each member email him once they have completed the training so that the website can be updated to reflect the training status for all members.

4. Bylaw Amendments

Chair Roche gave a brief update to the new members of the council of what has happened previously with the Mountain View Community Council Bylaws. In 2013, it was decided that they needed to be updated because there were issues with parent members who were elected but

not attending meetings and creating difficulties in getting quorum. At that time, there was nothing in State statute or administrative rule that addressed this issue in any way. The council determined it should be addressed in the bylaws and adopted a provision to remove a member automatically after three absences. After the last legislative session, an administrative rule was adopted that procedures for removing members from office who move away or otherwise abandon their position must be included in the bylaws.

Discussion followed as to how to word such language as to denote that parents who are serving on the Mountain View Community Council who move out of school boundaries and withdraw their student from Mountain View should be removed from office. It was noted that parents who live outside the boundaries but have students on a boundary variance may be part of the community council. Additionally, parents who begin their term with a student at the Mountain View but their child moves on to seventh grade before their two-year term is up may still finish their term if they desire as per statute. Additional questions were asked about excessive absences, withdrawals, and transfers within the district. It was decided that Chair Roche would draft proposed language and parent-member Melissa Rueschoff provide peer review before it is submitted for a vote at the January meeting. A motion was made by Jason Hall and seconded by Meggan Baxter. A motion was made that the existing language regarding removal for absences would remain the same by Meggan Baxter and seconded by Jason Hall. Both motions carried without objection.

5. Other Issues

Chair Roche brought to the MVCC attention several items that were not on the agenda. He reminded the council that items not on the agenda could be discussed but no action could be taken. However, if action was needed he encouraged the Council to have them added for the next meeting's agenda.

It was brought to Chair Roche's attention that at a recent PTA meeting, a parent had expressed concern that their child was not allowed to bike to school. The question was deferred to the Community Council. Chair Roche reached out to the parent via email. He explained that discussion was welcome but also explained the rules of order and that the issue had been addressed several times in recent years, including over several meetings last year. While not precluding readdressing the issue with the council, Chair Roche offered to sit down with the parent first to discuss concerns. As of the meeting, he had not heard anything back.

Teacher-member Phouangchit Kounthong expressed her concern about the safety of the children, both related to bikes and the drop off/pick up issue in general. This is also a recurring issue that been addressed several times. Mrs. Kounthong made the excellent point that perhaps we needed to focus on building a community and once everyone felt part of a community, behavior would change. There was also discussion of a safety week, possibly during SEP week. It was suggested that the students address the concerns and remind the adults of appropriate behaviors. It was asked that this be added to the January agenda.

6. Known Issues/Items for Next Meeting

Training will be done home and once complete members will notify Chair Roche. Safety concerns will be on the agenda for January. Please send any other agenda items to Chair Roche by mid-January. A motion was made by Jason Hall to end the meeting, it was seconded by Meggan Baxter. There were no objections. The meeting ended at 6:45 p.m.