

Community Council – Columbia Elementary Library

September 12, 2018

Those in attendance:

Mr. Denhalter, Kathy Chadwick, Jim Wright, Jean Bradford, Helena Langford, Amy Norton, Stephanie Bonner

Those absent: Christa Maynes, Rachel Holmes, Jami Caldwell

- Discussion:
- Amy Norton and Stephanie Bonner are not currently voted members and attended today to decide if they want to be members.
- Mr. Denhalter discussed the agenda and makeup of the committee since Ashlie Little (chair) was absent. Co-Chair was not elected today. We need two more parent committee members than school employee members and the council must be elected. Our cap last year was 10 parent members. Mr. Denhalter will ask for anyone interested in being a member from our parent group in a upcoming school newsletter. We do not need 10 parent members. We like having Amy Norton represent our PTA, but it is not mandatory.
- 4:00 meeting time is still good. Thursdays are good for the committee. Formal meeting dates were set for: Oct 25, Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 18, May 16. We should meet 6 times each year.
- Mr. Denhalter discussed a Community Council PowerPoint about purpose and duty of the Council. There were no questions.
- Mr. Denhalter stated the DSD Dress Code was discussed by principals last school year. Many schools have relaxed their standards. Jim Wright asked if there are concerns at Columbia. Mr. Denhalter said dress code should not disrupt education. Each member read a current dress code:

Mrs. Langford stated that wearing flip flops is dangerous for children outside. The team agrees. Annette suggested safety be included in newsletter home.

Discussion on open toe vs sandals. Mrs. Bradford stated without a rash of problems, sandals may be appropriate. Ankle support is necessary. School recommends closed toe shoes.

Annette Solt stated parents have asked to have children wear tank tops. The committee discussed the use of four finger rule for tank tops be added. Mr. Denhalter took notes on the actual dress code.

Committee discussed ripped and frayed clothing. Clothing that does not cover appropriate body areas, already covered in the policy, must not be exposed.

Committee discussed length of skirts/shorts. The committee decided on mid-thigh as an appropriate length.

Committee discussed how “tight” clothing fit into the dress code. We will leave on a statement about appropriate clothing that does not distract education.

Committee discussed hairstyles. Extreme hairstyles are discouraged, and hair should be kept clean and neat and not distract education.

Committee discussed piercings as also not distracting education. Dangling and loop earrings, for safety reasons, are discouraged. Wearing of hats inside the building is not permitted.

A comment will be added that the administration will have the final decision and what happens with those that come dressed inappropriately will be included in the dress code. The statement of what will happen when a student is not dressed appropriately will be included.

Mr. Denhalter will send a revised dress code to the Community Council for input before sending the dress code to parents.

Meeting was dismissed at 5:25 PM.