Community Council for Columbia Elementary was held on October 13, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

Darryl Denhalter, Kathy Chadwick, Heidi Hunt, Brenda Turnbow, Miranda Sire Nicole Wilmore, Jodi Fulks, Bliss Blackburn, Emily Child, Natalie Chamberlain

Mr. Denhalter welcomed everyone and went over the agenda.

First item of business was a proposal from the Columbia Student Council to have a friendship bench out on the playground. The idea of the friendship bench is to include others and help others have more friends. It would be located at the table by the little toy and blacktop. They would like to have an assembly to explain what it is to all the students. They would like to start the friendship bench as soon as possible. All students could be involved in helping with the bench and the playground duty would be made aware of it. Community Council voted in favor of the friendship bench.

The next item of business that was addressed was attendance issues. Many ideas were proposed. We have students that are chronically late or absent. We will continue with our incentive program at school and parents will also be contacted more frequently.

The incentive for TTM and i-Ready math this term is 101 lessons for TTM and 21 lesson for i-Ready. The students will be called down to the gym and will have popcorn to celebrate reaching their goal. This will be on October 27th. Next term, the goal will be set by the teachers, making it more obtainable for more students.

Discussion about the emergency evacuation drill that will be held on Wednesday, October 19th was discussed and reviewed. This will be an emergency practice day with the police department doing a lock down drill, an earthquake drill, then fire drill, and then evacuation.

We will have a Veterans Day Assembly on November 11, 2016 where we will honor our Veterans. All Veterans are invited to come.

We discussed meeting dates and we will be meeting again in January.

The meeting ended at 5:00 p.m.