

Approved Orchard Elementary Community Council November 26, 2018 Minutes

Present:

Mike Volmar, Linda Greenwood, Maria Duggar, Lori Jacobsen, Leigh Okleberry, Alina Ballard, Elizabeth Bulfin, Megan Gordon, Keri Masson, Virginia Peery, Carolyn Wiberg

Approved minutes from October 22 Meeting

Safety review:

The recent fire drill went very smoothly, was very quick.

Vestibule still waiting on phones; then cameras; Discussed concerns about people being let in by others going out. Cameras should help direct people. Keri showed picture of rope system at another school.

School Improvement Plan:

Viewed Student Growth Percentile Video, which taught about testing measuring progress for each student. Reviewed score data from most recent reports.

Update on Epic program:

Ms. Greenwood reported on her findings for the Epic program. It does require a license. She proposed that teachers try the freeware to see if they are interested; She will take to the literacy committee; She also looked at a math program.

Other:

Buddy Bench project is still stalled.

Discussed the amount of Eagle Projects that will need to be done in the near future, suggested we find any that could to be done at Orchard. Some suggested: the map being repainted, muddy area in little playground have concrete put in, individual teacher needs.

Discussed the change from SAGE to RISE testing. They are the same questions, just a different interface. Benchmarks are being done quite often to prepare students for end of year testing. Teachers expressed frustration with ease of use. Ms. Greenwood mentioned Power BI as a possible solution for teachers to access test scores quicker.

Davis Foundation is being used by the school. Discussed whether we could find a grant writer to research and apply for grants for the school and individual teachers.

Washington Elementary may be closed, and students will be absorbed by surrounding schools. We may have 33 students come here. District will present to our community council with details.

