

## Orchard Elementary Community Council February 25, 2019 Minutes

### Present:

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

### Approved minutes from January Meeting

### School Improvement Plan:

Discussed current goals on School Improvement Plan, what we want to change or add for next year.

Mindfulness training is being well-received by teachers, parents, students. Definitely want to keep that in the SIP. Discussed rising anxiety levels and that Mindfulness can be a good tool to combat this. Multiple parents have heard good feedback at home from their students. We discussed making Level 1 training mandatory for teachers so that all classrooms could benefit.

Also want to keep Project Lead The Way-it has been smoother this year with last year's background.

Would like to add a goal about teacher improvements. Many teachers have already implemented strategies that have worked well, such as recording teaching and having other teachers critique them.

We will vote on goals at next meeting.

March 27<sup>th</sup> is District goal-setting meeting. Alina Ballard and Carolyn Wiberg to attend.

### Other:

EIE (Engineering is Elementary)-teachers expressed approval, although some think it's not geared towards age groups correctly. We need more feedback from more teachers/more time.

Buddy Bench project is still stalled, possibly have some prospects.

Washington Elementary closure: is scheduled to close. Students will not be coming to Orchard. They will go to Adelaide Elementary.

The recent lockdown drill went well.

Discussed appropriate use of technology along with digital use and rising anxiety levels. Some parents feel there is too much digital use in school, while others think it is a good amount. Teachers seem to like the different tools they have to use for the students.