

Bluff Ridge Community Council Meeting

February 5, 2019, 4:00 P.M., Bluff Ridge Elementary Library

Council Members

Present:

Kristen Smith
Adrienne Kennett
Sondra Trillo
Liz Roberts
Katie Scholer
Kim Eschler
Wendy Orme
Jyll Padilla
Taylor Adams
Richard Baird
Brian Schultz
Krista Nance
Dana Jensen
Sarah Yates
Andrea Anderson
Chris Wood

Absent/Excused:

Kristie Gardner
Emily Thorstenson

Business

Last month's minutes modified to include the name of the digital citizen assembly we have scheduled to be referred to as "Net Smarts" assembly.

Calendar change for the March meeting, now scheduled for March 12th.

Approval of last month's minutes, as modified, and calendar change. 13 yea/ 0 nay

SIP Progress

Principal Kennett reviewed the financial report as tied to each goal on our 2018/2019 SIP. We are doing well in all areas. She reported that in January all teachers attended a half-day PD on how to better deal with high-anxiety students in the classroom. Although it has a different name, this is working towards our Mindfulness goal. Principal Kennett also reported that she purchased one book per grade level from the dynamic speaker at the PD, *The Behavior Code* and the speaker was Jessica Minnihan.

Data Dive

As we prepare to write the 2019/2020 SIP goals, council Members met in their small data dive groups to discuss the list of ideas for SIP goals and action steps the teachers brainstormed in multi-grade working groups at the last faculty meeting in January.

Katie Scholer and Principal Kennett asked for all council members to email with their top two choices for both the SIP goals and the actions steps. From this, we will begin the process of narrowing down the list.

School Calendar

It was mentioned by Katie Scholer that the DSD School Board's intention at this time is to have Bluff Ridge to remain on a traditional schedule for the 2019/2010 school year. This was confirmed by Principal Kennett.

PlayWorks Update

Council Member Dana Jensen addressed community concerns about the PlayWorks program and requested an update. She mentioned that there are a couple parents who are talking negatively in the community about the PlayWorks program. Principal Kennett reminded the council that the intent of PlayWorks is to have games, activities, and equipment set up and available for students to choose to play with at recess. She reported that most aspects are working well. The problem she sees is that students are not always choosing to go to an available area to play; instead choosing to stay in an overcrowded area, thus getting fewer opportunities to play. Kim Eschler reported she saw a marked improvement in feedback about recess during her mid-year conferences, now that we have the PlayWorks program. Sondra Trillo reported that four square works smoothly when the agreed upon rules are followed, but when students choose to change the rules there is an increase in arguments and students getting less play time.

Accreditation Survey

Principal Kennett provided a copy of the accreditation survey results to each member and instructed them not to share the results outside the Community Council circle at this time. Additional information is currently being gathered on the school and will be communicated to our community once all the information is compiled.

Next Meeting

March 12, 2019 at 4:00 in the library