

## Bluff Ridge Community Council Meeting Agenda Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017 at 4:00 PM

Vanessa Mori	x	Wendy Orme	x	Dana Jensen	x	Emily Thorstensen	x
Adrienne Kennett	x	Jyll Padilla	x	Krista Nance	x	Chris Wood	x
Lisa Gill	e	Richard Baird	e	Katie Scholer	x		
Cindy Nottingham	e	Kristie Gardner	x	Brian Schultz	x		

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- Welcomed new members and introductions.
- Business
  - Community Council section of school's website: Mrs. Mori showed how to access community council information, student improvement plans from current/previous years, and showed the amount of land trust money Bluff Ridge has received in past years. She also discussed some of the ways our trust money from last year was spent: TAs are already in the classrooms, equipment has been purchased. Mrs. Mori also talked about other grants received and new professional development items our teachers are using (i.e. swivel cams).
    - Members reviewed contact list information. To be updated and added to website.
    - Meeting dates for the year were discussed. Are set as follows:
      - Sept. 12, 2017
      - Oct. 3, 2017
      - Nov. 1, 2017 (Wed. 6-8 PM – Community Council training at Farmington Jr. High)
      - Dec. 5, 2017
      - Jan. 2, 2018
      - Feb. 6, 2018
      - Mar. 6, 2018
      - Apr. 10, 2018 (Spring Break first week)
      - May 1, 2017
    - Task for all members to review community council by-laws on website and communicate any necessary changes.
  - Purpose of Community Councils: watched movie from <http://www.schoolandtrust.org/training/films/>
  - Community Council position elections:
    - Mrs. Orme nominated Krista Nance as Chair, second by Katie, voted: 11 yes, 0 no.
    - Dana nominated Emily as Vice Chair, second by Katie, voted: 11 yes, 0 no.
    - Mrs. Kennett nominated Mrs. Padilla as Secretary, second by Dana, voted: 11 yes, 0 no.
  - Mock Evacuation: Mrs. Mori discussed the school's need to do a mock evacuation and would like to include community council. Council preferred fall for event to take place (remind/prepare students/parents earlier in the school year).
    - Evacuation would take place at the end of day (last half hour of school).
    - Parents will be notified and need to arrive at the school to pick up student(s).
    - Prefer parents walk to the school and parents **must have ID** to check out students.
    - Kids not picked up will be dismissed at the bell.
    - Students can be checked out by any one on their checkout list (parents need to make sure student's checkout list is current).
    - Mrs. Mori will communicate possible dates for the mock evacuation.

- Digital Citizenship: Students were trained on 9/11/2017 during internet safety assembly as part of red ribbon week. Dana asked about the parent training event held last year. Mrs. Mori explained that consistently across the district, the parent nights were not well attended. District discussed doing a few group parent nights combining multiple schools. Nothing is scheduled yet. There are other ways we can communicate internet safety information to parents (flyer, part of Mori's Memo).
- Other Items
  - Chris asked how land trust money is allocated. Mrs. Mori explained it is based on enrollment numbers. Bluff Ridge enrollment is 935 plus four sessions of preschool which brings enrollment to approximately 1035.
  - Katie asked with enrollment numbers so high, if there is a chance Bluff Ridge will go back to the year-round schedule. Mrs. Mori said there are no plans currently to go back to year-round and that the district prefers to keep schools on the traditional schedule (benefits: cost, teachers can collaborate, resources, etc.). The bulk of our students are currently in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. There are six 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes and five of each of the other grade levels (K-5).
  - There is still one bus taking students to/from school. Bus now comes mid-day as well for Kindergarten students.
  - Dana asked Mrs. Mori to share info about the Hope Squad.
    - Bluff Ridge implemented the elementary version of the Hope Squad this year. Purpose of the Hope Squad is to focus on friendship and watching out for other students.
    - Mrs. Forrest is in charge of the Hope Squad.
    - Two students chosen (by the other students) for each of the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. (Thinking they might include 4<sup>th</sup> grade next year.)
    - Students receive training and have a handbook teaching them how to report situations, help younger students, and watch for opportunities to friend students in need.
    - Hope Squad members wear a lanyard to identify them and wear a Hope Squad t-shirt on Fridays as part of school pride.
    - Mrs. Orme shared a few examples of successful Hope Squad involvement.
  - Mrs. Mori mentioned Mindfulness program. Professional Development training is there and teachers can take classes to learn how to implement in the classroom.
  - Mrs. Padilla talked about the new 6<sup>th</sup> grade science curriculum (SEEd standards). Mrs. Fannesbeck was part of creating the curriculum and has taught it for 3 years. She is a great resource to our 6<sup>th</sup> grade team. New swivel cam technology allows teachers to watch and learn from Mrs. Fannesbeck's methods for teaching this new science curriculum.
  - Dana asked Mrs. Mori if there has been any interest from parents in being the WatchDOGS coordinator.
    - Chris Wood volunteered to do it this year. Brian offered to help/support in any way needed.
    - Discussion about parents and teachers liking the program and ways we can help generate more involvement from dads and support from teachers.
    - WatchDOGS calendar will be open for volunteer dates from October thru March (April and May are heavy testing times). Will accommodate birthdays or special requests during April - May.
    - Mrs. Orme and Mrs. Kennett shared experiences they have loved having a WD volunteering in their classrooms.
    - Dana will coordinate with Chris to get new volunteer calendar set up.
  - Katie asked about safety concerns:
    - 1) Safety of students from portables walking into the school alone for the restroom.
      - a. Security cameras were installed outside and inside the school over the summer. The teacher usually watches from portable door to make sure student gets in the school.
      - b. Suggested maybe student can take a buddy.

- 2) Students walking to school - when does parent receive call if student doesn't make it to school?
    - a. Teachers are supposed to have role turned in by 9 AM so calls can go out. Mrs. Mori will check to see if a student checks-in late in the office, if the call is cancelled.
  - Kristie asked if the before/after school math clubs/tutors have started. Mrs. Mori said a few classes have started but most teachers are still evaluating student needs and will contact parents to invite students to participate.
- Meeting adjourned until next month: Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2017 at 4:00 PM.