



Community Council Minutes

10/15/19

Joseph Cook Elementary School

Community Council Meetings are *usually* held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4 PM in the library.

Tentative 2019-20 Meeting Schedule: Sept. 18, Oct. 15, Nov. 12, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 10, Apr. 7 or 14, & May 12

People in attendance: Natalie Argyle, Rebecca Mann, Roger King, Syd Seager, Nathan Sprague, Kristi Shelley, Alzina Barnhill, Nicole Burnham, Nyla Weaver, Jaqueline Leaver, Jackie Pittman

Agenda:

1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Member introductions

2. Review and approve minutes

Nicole proposed the minutes be approved, Rebecca 2nd the motion

3. Grade Level Reports

- a. Kindergarten: They are doing everything different this year. They have a TA for an hour and a parent volunteer at the same time. They have centers during that time that focus on individual learning. This helps kids who need more help to get more focused attention and those kids that are ready to move on can do so. They were initially grouped by their testing scores and movement can happen to those groups every week based on improvement. They have seen great results with this method and hope it will set more kids up for first grade.
- b. 6th Grade: They have an aid 4 days a week in Math and Reading. She oversees the class while the teacher works with small groups on a concept they might be struggling at. They have rotations for different subjects. Everyone goes to Mrs. Gardner for Math for 45 minutes a week and they also have math lab time every day to work on Imagine Math lessons and facts. That program is tailored to the student and works at their pace.

We will be hearing from 1st grade and 5th grade next Month.

4. Principal's Report on school items

- a. Discuss previous year's RISE/CRT results We went over the test results. There were some areas that were improved and some that were not. Really no trends that show why are why not on those results. We fall a little below the district average.
- b. Review SIP 2019-2020 Benchmark scores are in and we have seen good growth already.
- c. Progress update on goals

d. Teaching Assistants We have 14 TAs, they were all trained on DIEBLS, Math, PAST, and Heggerty programs. They are more of an asset to the teachers with this training because they are more knowledgeable in what the teachers are wanting them to do. 1st and 2nd grade have 2 floaters that help with kids from all the classes who may need additional help. Because of the floaters most of the really low kids are getting small group help.

5. Current ideas, questions, needs, and/or concerns from Council and/or Community

a. Read Today Program - more volunteers? The goal of this program is to help all students that are in the yellow on their DIEBLS score. They work with grades 1-3 and they currently have 34 students. However we have over 100 in the yellow between those grades. We only have 10-11 volunteers right now we would like to double that number. She will be putting an ad in the PTA newsletter to try to get more.

6. Parent and Community Involvement

a. Share feedback We talked about pros and cons so far that see happening at the school.

Pros: Kindergarten Changes, Flexible Seating, Recorded Lessons/Videos, Community Involvement, and Teachers being flexible with all the changes.

7. Trust Lands Items, Budget, or Updates

8. Student Wellness Plan and Update

9. Other items for discussion and/or future agenda items:

a. Next community council meeting:

Nov. 12, 2019 4:00 pm in the library

Natalie proposed we approve the future dates for our council meetings. Nyla 2nd the approval.