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Orchard Elementary Community Council November 18, 2019

Present:

Mike Volmar, Linda Greenwood, Courtney Coon, Lori Jacobsen, Leigh Okleberry, Elizabeth Bulfin, Shauna Hardy, Keri Masson, Virginia Peery, Carolyn Wiberg

Approved minutes from October meeting

Safety Concerns:

Routes to and from school safety concerns were discussed. Concerns with the traffic for pick up and drop off, with the traffic backups on the surrounding streets. Hoping to decide on a new exit from the school to alleviate. Thought having parent volunteers with the school traffic could be helpful. Ms. Greenwood to work on a parking procedure with map for next meeting. Think parents need better communication about the preferred traffic flow. Part of increased traffic is we are getting fewer buses this year.

PTA visit:

PTA representatives attended to address concerns over marquee fundraiser. Some parents expressed frustration about how fundraising money was being spent, and communication surrounding it. Asked if there were other projects that could benefit the school more. PTA representatives express there are certain things they can't use their funds for.

One-to-One Devices in the Classroom:

Teachers reported how the devices are being used in their classrooms/grades. Parents expressed concerns over screen time usage and time limits. The time used is monitored by each teacher individually.

Buddy Bench Update:

We have received communication that the Buddy Bench is being made and Mr. Volmar wishes to ask teachers where they think it would be most beneficial for location.

Other:

Brainstormed ideas for better communication with more parents. One idea was having individual teachers include messages with their parent emails, as we think most parents will read emails from the teachers.

Parents suggested having a fundraiser to push the parking issue forward. They think parents would be more than willing to donate for this.