School Community Council Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2020

Time start 1:45 p.m.

Mrs. Damm opened the meeting and welcomed our council. She indicated that there was only one individual that expressed interest in applying for a council position. Pashell Shorts indicated she was interested in serving as the council Chairman. Mrs. Damm motioned that Pashell Shorts be appointed as the Chairman of Edison Elementary’s Community Council. Andrew Cooper seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative. We also needed a secretary. Elisha Applewhite was asked if she would continue to be the secretary and take minutes. She agreed. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. Damm spoke about the effects of the wind storms, power outages and the pandemic. As a school we will not be able to fulfil our required 180 days in school so there will be a new calendar sent out with those changes this will not affect Spring break or Christmas break, but it will impact some of the teacher developmental days including our emergency makeup day which is on June 7th 2021.

Regarding lunch pick up. Lunch is served between 11:00 - 12:30 but we are trying to make a plan that will be easier for parents to pick up lunches that will not interrupt school work. We are doing the best we can at the moment, because currently lunch is funded a different way. It is being handled like the summer lunch program.

We were happy to see that 98% of our families have been able to meet with their teachers one-on-one. We still have a few students that are having some technical issues with internet or computers working but for the time being at least 90% of our students are online and learning.

Dr. Rodriguez talked about a letter from the governor asking each School to create a Behavioral Health Plan that promotes positive behavior, that assists with peer pressure and helps people to develop positive relationships, etc. Miss Debbie spoke of a program that is on September 29th called “not just vapor” and it is for parents and we would like parents to be involved with this. You must RSVP to participate.

Open Forum:

Mrs. Damm asked how online learning is going for parents? Some are having problems with students wandering if they are not there to work with them but it is going well for some parents having the teachers be more involved and on camera. Situations are different for everybody due to two jobs and multiple children at home. We are reminded that if any of us have any technical difficulties we can call the office and speak to Juanita and somebody will help us the best they can.

Also today September 17th at 4:30 p.m. there will be a food bank and flyers will be handed out by Miss Debbie for the It’s Not Just Vapor program.

We concluded our meeting at 2:20 p.m.