

Ensign Elementary School Community Council Meeting
April 16, 2019 7:30am
Ensign School Library

Minutes

7:30am Welcome- Linda Scholl, Ensign SCC Chair

- In Attendance: Brianne Emery (Vice Chair), Susannah Seare (parent), Carl Whittaker (parent), Dani Phifer (School staff rep), Erik Jacobson (Principal), Laura Hamilton (SIC rep), Alissa Kean (lower grade rep), Amy Fehlberg (PTA representative), Melissa Riley (parent), George Robison (parent), Katherine Kennedy (School Board rep)
 - Excused: Sarah Colonna (parent), Seth Andrews (parent)
 - Absent: Juliette Palmer White (parent), Lacey Skipps (parent)
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7:35am Principal Report- Erik Jacobson, Ensign Principal

- District Calendar options (2020-2023) – Option 1 was approved by staff and SCC
- Budget is in good shape
 - Continuing to upgrade technology (smartboards, etc) and computers in library and lab
 - next years will be discussed in next 6-8 months

7:45am SIC (School Improvement Council) Report - Laura Hamilton

- SIC meeting update: Technology updates needed: voted to purchase more desktop computers
 - Community Compact update**: completed, needs faculty review
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7:55am School Board Representative Report -Katherine Kennedy

- Calendar proposals: >50% voted for Option 1 but it was sent back to Board to include Fall Break
 - Calendar committee at the District level needs to be more transparent in the future, include parent representatives
 - It was requested that the District provide guidance on how to involve parents on Committees (e.g., Calendar, Hiring)
 - School closures: District is losing 5-8,000 students in coming years, have lost 2,000 in past four years
 - Ensign and Newman Elementary are projected to lose enrollment
 - Overall there is low K-6th grade enrollment
 - Junior High Enrollment is stable
 - District needs to look at innovative ways to attract students from outside of district.
 - Currently, those outside district are not allowed to participate in open enrollment
 - Heather Bennett's son will fulfill her term on the Board.
 - Next Board meeting is May 7
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8:05am PTA Report - Amy Fehlberg

- PTA update:
 - Gallery Stroll March 15 - PTA made less than last year though more donations have come in post-Stroll.
 - Spring Stomp was a success and attracted new parents/families who haven't attended past events
 - Teacher Appreciation week is coming up
 - Volunteer Appreciation lunch is May 9
 - The budget for next year will be approved in May
 - Field Day will be June 4
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8:10am Business Items

- Land Trust completed
- Science Fair: we need a new person to run science fair workshops
 - Some schools hold their fair in October, there is flexibility to have it any time
- District Stakeholders Survey sent out to all student families.
 - There was discussion about these surveys requiring a PowerSchool log-in and it is not intuitive. Suggested that Microsoft Forms could be used for things such as this.

8:30am Adjourn

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 21st at 7:30am - Ensign School Library