

Ensign Elementary School Community Council Meeting  
May 21, 2019 7:30am  
Ensign School Library

**Minutes**

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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), Amy Fehlberg (PTA representative), Melissa Riley (parent), Katherine Kennedy (School Board rep), Miles Romney (parent), Sarah Colonna (parent)
- Excused: Alissa Kean (lower grade rep)
- Absent: Juliette Palmer White, Lacey Skipps, George Robison

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7:35am Principal Report- Erik Jacobson, Ensign Principal

- Teacher Student Success Act (TSSA) is providing \$36,000 additional funding next year
  - Use of funds needs to be tied to EEP goals and addressing the achievement gap. Plan will be to use them towards paraprofessionals
- Additional kindergarten teacher has been hired, will begin next school year
- District increased paraprofessional pay but did not provide additional funding to cover the increase, which will result in schools having LESS paraprofessionals
- Bussing
  - Next year, Ensign will have one General Ed bus and no Special Ed bus
  - District is looking at a 3-tier bussing system, allowing for a 45-minute window between stops.
    - Increases driver efficiency, saves money
  - 3-tier system would require a change to school start/end times (between 7:45 and 9:15)
    - SCC has been asked to provide feedback to the District regarding pros/cons of earlier and later start/end time
- Calendar options for next year presented to SCC

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7:55am School Board Representative Report -Katherine Kennedy

- Importance of late start time for high school

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8:00am Business Items

- I-11, religious complaints
  - District provides training to teachers/staff at the beginning of the school year
  - Mr. Jacobson asked if there were any issues that needed to be addressed at Ensign
    - Concern was raised about comments made from students toward students who celebrate different holidays (e.g., Hanukkah)
  - Discussion about opportunities for families to share their diversity
    - Holiday program is inclusive but could be more robust
      - Proposal to have a "Cultural Week" the week prior to Winter Break
        - Need to organize and identify programming
    - At Board-level, they are looking at curriculum-based ways to address anti-bullying
    - Currently, there is a reporting system that tracks incidences
    - Currently, a counselor-facilitated effort is made in classes to address anti-bullying, coping, bringing our differences together
      - Next 1-2 years there will be a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum in place
  - Elections will be held with timeline as directed by state after school has started.

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8:35, am PTA update:

- Teacher appreciation week and volunteer appreciation lunch went well
- Budget to be approved at a meeting 5/24

- intent to give teachers monies up front to help plan for the year.
  - Field Day June 4
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8:35am Adjourn

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 20, at 7:30am - Ensign School Library

\*\* [Action item follow up](#)