

Ensign Elementary School Community Council Meeting

11/19/19; 7:30am

Attendance

Staff: Dani Phifer, Erik Jacobson, Polly Parkinson, Jenny Panameno

District: Katherine Kennedy

Families: Carl Whittaker, Sarah Colonna, Brianne Emery, Ashley Anderson, Melissa Riley, Linda Scholl

Absent: Brittany Dimick, Chantelle Rohlfing, Amy Fehlberg, Diane Boogert

SIC (EJ, JP): SIC is currently working on the master schedule

PTA Report (EP)

- Discussion of Emergency Kits and SCC Chairs meeting: request for transportable container for healthcare plans & medication, supplies in the SAFE Schools kits remain outdated, contact information has been updated on Emergency Plan
- Discussion of preferred parent/administrator changes to current PTA Emergency Kit model
- Ashley can report discussion to PTA and follow-up with John Flynt from SAFE Schools about outdated materials.

Principals Report (EJ)

- Autumn Concert was successful
- Moving forward with plans for student engagement; PLCs taking first look at data
- Current enrollment is 350
- Submitting self-reported indicators for school report card based on Student Success Plan (SSP) data and Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) from last year

Motion to approve Sept/Oct minutes (LS), seconded (DS), unanimously approved, 7:45am

Digital Citizenship Report (PP): All students have met CommonSense Media requirements

School Board Report (KK)

- The Board evaluates the Superintendent & Business Manager every other year and there is disagreement about whether a self-evaluation should be held in an open or closed session; Katherine requested an open session based on parent feedback and interest
- Noted recent op-ed by Ashley and while board members stand with the board choice, she clarified a vote no on the RDA issue
- Will TSSA funds continue to pay paraprofessional wage increase (LS)? Yes
- How concerning is the open/closed session issue (CW)? Evaluations are typically in a closed session but there is more public awareness this year; while it doesn't violate Open Meetings policies, it does lack transparency
- What is the contract which would be renewed? Two-year contract beginning June, determined in January
- SCC members can contact Katherine (katherine.kennedy@slcschools.org) about these or other topics

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2019-2020 SCC Priorities

Safety: began a safety star program, e-mails were circulated, Erik can provide a cold weather reminder about 8:15am supervision and cafeteria policies

Afterschool

- There have been staffing changes at the district level
- Hours & hiring timeline remain ongoing challenges, placement in the Salt Lake Education Foundation (SLEF) may be an issue
- Mayoral election may also impact as Erin Mendenhall is committed to partnership in this area
- Without changes to FTE, can attrition be addressed with only minor modifications?
- Katherine can report on this in January after looking into the above

Legislative Update (AA)

- As reported in the news, the legislature is contemplating various ways to eliminate the constitutional earmark for education funding, a draft letter is distributed for Precinct 3 schools to state that we feel we need other changes to address education funding concerns posted by the legislature.
- As the letter is reviewed, discussion of what lobbying takes place now (union, Yandary Chatwin from the district, USBA) and intersecting topics including affordable housing

Motion to adopt tax reform letter with amendment to first line to reflect (MR), seconded (SC), unanimously approved 8:35am

Motion to adjourn (EJ), seconded (DS), 8:36am