

Ensign Elementary School Community Council Meeting

2/18/20; 7:30am

Attendance

Faculty/Staff: Polly Parkison, Erik Jacobsen, Dani Phifer

Parents: Carl Whittaker, Melissa Riley, Ashley Anderson, Amy Fehlberg

School Board: Katherine Kennedy

Absent: Linda Scholl, Jennifer Panameno, Brianne Emery, Sarah Colonna, Brittany Dimick, Chantelle Rohlfing, Dianne Boogart, Lacey Hola

Principal Report (EJ)

- Discussion of SCC relative to SIC and budgeting. While SCC votes on LAND Trust funds, knowing the school budget and SIC priorities can help with decision making; when decisions can't be reached there is a process to follow.*
- FTE report will be out tomorrow; open enrollment window ended with numbers on 2/21
- Mid-year reading testing shows improvement, PLCs will look at data moving forward
- Lots happening in the office this week (Hearing, Pictures, Maturation, etc)

Review of January Minutes

Motion to approve (PP), seconded (DP), unanimously approved, 7:44am

SIC Report (EJ)

- Recommended replacing the 11 oldest computers and then 5-6 year old computers; about half of the computers would be replaced in the district model
- Testing ethics training will be e-mailed by Miriam with a review in faculty meeting
- There is a new process for notifying specials teachers about new students
- IT request for pilot to use the cloud; Frank will discuss this at a faculty meeting

PTA Report (AF)

- Requested changes to newsletter format
- Gallery Stroll has been rescheduled and will be held May 1st.
- Teacher lunch was great, Teacher Appreciation will be the first week of May
- Spring Stomp has moved to May 15th
- Field Day will be June 2nd
- Check all date revisions on the [School Calendar](#) or the [PTA website](#)

Legislative Update (EJ, AA)

- Walkout from UEA scheduled for Friday February 28th with students being dismissed at 12:30pm; parents needed to be notified
- Review of bills impacting SCC and possible e-mails to send and more to continue tracking; [view the list of e-mails and topics reviewed here](#)
- *Motion to approve e-mails as written and discussed AF, seconded MR, unanimously approved, 8:02am*

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School Board Report (KK)

- Is looking at the FTE change as she knows Ensign is trying to grow numbers
- Is happy to discuss recent board topics with assurance that she supports our precinct principals, the board did not vote in recent closed sessions, and that accounts in the press do not accurately reflect the process of closed meetings
- Question about parent involvement in search for Superintendent or Business Administrator: feel free to contact [Katherine](#) any time about what you are looking for in new hires or the process and also offer public comments at [Board Meetings](#)
- Question about school closure: the board as a whole may be unlikely to address closure until after the election and hiring process
- Question about whether hiring a business administrator is the same process as a superintendent: as an observer, can identify value in mobilizing a superintendent search so the superintendent could weigh in on business administration hire
- Discussion of the necessity of a business administrator who is permanently hired and thus willing to address issues rather than an interim who may have hesitance to make changes needed

Motion to adjourn (CW), seconded (AF), adjourned at 8:35am

*This process was clarified after the meeting with the School Children's Trust Section of the USBE and it does not involve the superintendent but can involve the district board though that is very uncommon. If we discuss our LAND Trust plan next month we are still on track with the recommended SCC timeline and if there are other questions, this could be a topic in March and also common documents for SCCs can be found [here](#).