

## Community Council Minutes 11/11/20 (Through Zoom)

1. All in attendance approved the minutes from the 10/14/20 Meeting.
2. Welcome to Brenda Racchia our new parent member and Brittany Cales our PTA President. Elena will be the secretary for this school year.
3. TSSA Plan: Kristen is in the middle of revising how all the money is being spent because it is different than we had planned, due to so many changes in how our school year is going.
  - Laura has been hired to be our behavior aide this year. She has the time to sit down and talk with kids and help them make some changes and learn the skill they need.
  - \$50 teacher incentive per Microsoft badge that they can earn. Hoping this will pick up as the school year gets a little less crazy.
  - Teacher mentors: Mrs. McDonough has paid a few teachers to be leaders and mentor new teachers and new prep teachers. Also, there is a stipend to pay those who are on the PBIS behavior committee as they work many extra hours on this committee.
  - Extra day this summer for some training.
  - Currently there is no need for aides for large classes.
  - Paid for Ready Math and bought 4 technology carts.
  - Rewards for PBIS plan: go toward student of the month and care champion prizes
  - The grant for incorporating dance into our curriculum will not be able to happen this year. We'll try again next year.

### 2. Looking over Reports

- KEEP Scores—Kindergarteners are coming to us a little higher than they were in the last 2 years. We don't have any scores from the end of the year last year.
- ACADIENCE Scores—Our BOY scores were quite a bit lower this year, comparing it with the other scores in the district, this seems typical because of the remote learning in the spring. But comparing, we seemed to retain a lot and Mrs. McDonough had a party to celebrate teachers and student success. Summer school seemed to be a big help.

### 3. District Community Council Training

- Rebecca spoke of a video training for community councils that she will e-mail out. Everyone can watch it at their leisure.

### 4. Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship-- Mrs. McDonough gave a report

- K-2 is using Ipads. 3-6 are using Cloud Books
- Some grades are allowing devices to go home daily, others are just going home on the weekend.
- There is an issue with many thinking that Friday at-home-learning is NOT optional. We had a discussion about how to better get that message across.
- All the teachers are being trained in how to use Canvas, LA all grades are using Imagine Learning
- Supervision practices are in place: Teachers are walking around the room and watching them, there is a way for teachers to lock the iPad screen so that the students can't get into another app. Mrs. McDonough is looking into getting the software to be able to lock screens on the Cloud Books.

- If there is something inappropriate that shows on the screen, the STS is given the device and completely re-images the device.
- Teachers make sure that the students are proficient in navigating Canvas and such before sending the devices home.
- Mrs. McDonough feels confident that the filters run by the district are doing a good job at protecting our kids.
- What are the biggest threats to our students? Students not feeling/acting like they need to work hard at home on Fridays.
- Kids are allowed to bring cell phones or watch phones but they are not allowed to have those powered on during school hours. Kids are aware that they bring it at their own risk and cannot access it at all during the day.
- Netsmarts Training—when do we want to have the training? The discussion was that we would rather have it sooner than later. Mrs. McDonough and Brittany will brainstorm together when to do this and if we combine it with PTA sponsored safety week. They will work on creating a prize incentive for discussing safe technology at home with parents. Kristen will contact NetSmartz to see if they have any resources for parents.

Next meeting Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 7:45 TBD if it is zoom or live.