

Emerson Elementary Eagles



School Community Council Meeting Minutes November 11, 2020 - 5:30 PM Virtual Meeting - Zoom

Welcome/Introductions

Attendance:

April Reynolds

Leah Jaramillo

Joey McNamee

Jack Davis

Mary Lou Oland-Wong

Jojo Liu

Mindy Cook

Jared Pela

Ashley Dunaway

Janna Finnerfrock

Trisha Reynolds

Allison Nicholson

Bianca Shepard

Traci Wrathall

Dianne Duncan

Tisha Eggleston

Ryan Bock

Amy Jordan

Shannon Koszarek Wells

Meghan Candee

Adam Phillipps

Jolie Breitling

Samuel Hanson – SLC School Board Rep

Laurie Bragg

Motion: Trisha moved to approve the October 14, 2020 minutes, and Jack seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Principal's Report:

- We had a virtual Halloween “parade” picture show. Kids and staff dressed up and submitted pictures.
- The annual food drive is happening now. The school is working directly with Utah Food Bank for the Thanksgiving holiday. Families can drop off food, or there is also a GoFund me link on the Emerson website.
- There will also be a snowball holiday giving project. Our counselor, Zoe, is coordinating that. There will be information posted online. This benefits families in our school. People can purchase items and have them delivered to families at their homes.

SIC Report:

Teachers on the SIC discussed:

- The importance of getting art pieces from the kids – there is some worry that we might not have enough art for Art Night.
- Plans for returning to school (if/when that happens) – addressing teacher concerns.
- School pictures – there will be a Wednesday when students can come in to get their picture taken by Lifetouch. Also a Saturday will be available.

PTA Report:

- PTA has ordered yard signs for people who have donated to the Emerson fundraiser.
- The Yearbook may not happen this year, since it is a lot of work for students, teachers, and other volunteers to put together. People are feeling stretched this year, and there is not as much money or people to head up the effort. Also, lack of pictures.
- PTA Budget – the PTA is wanting as much money/support as possible to go back to the teachers.
- PTA thanked Suyin Chong for continuing to support and coordinate Day of the Dead activity – there is a link on the website to submit a video of the student displaying and presenting their nicho. The deadline to submit nichos has been extended to November 13.
- Reflections are also due this Friday, November 13.
- PTA is also arranging for there to be a parent PTA liaison for each classroom.

Open Seats on the Council & Election

- We have 11 of 12 seats filled – we need a volunteer or recruit to fill the remaining seat.
- April reached out to the one person who had expressed interest, but had not heard a response.
- Jolie Breitling was at the meeting and expressed interest.

Motion: Allison moved that Jolie be appointed as a member of the SCC, Jack seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

CERT – Laurie Bragg: *the purpose of CERT training for community members is to facilitate organization and support at the community level, in the case of a large-scale emergency, to address the lag time before professional emergency personnel will be able to arrive. It includes consideration of search and rescue, first aid and prioritizing medical needs, assessing & responding to hazards (e.g. fire), incident command. In the city's CERT plans, elementary schools function as the main staging areas for local residents (probably b/c they are the most numerous school campuses). That is, not necessarily an emergency shelter, but a place for residents to meet up and organize to address needs together.*

[2020-2021 school safety plan draft attached with the agenda sent to SCC members]

- Laurie is a University of Utah employee who has taken the CERT Training, and lives in the neighborhood. She is volunteering to be a resource to help staff the school during an emergency. Elementary schools are meant to be places where people can gather, get organized, and help each other.
- Emerson has a CERT kit with supplies, and there is an emergency safety plan.
- SCC discussed the realities of how community volunteers can get access to the building when emergencies happen.
- Emerson is listed as an American Red Cross evacuation site
- Joey McNamee volunteered to look into the program further, and work with Laurie. Samuel Hanson will also talk with representatives at the District and the City to gather more information.

Student Success Plan – [Draft sent to SCC members, and submitted to District for approval]

- April reviewed the Student Success Plan, which set goals for the first semester. The plan focuses on school-wide 3-yr priorities.
- The plan is informed by data, and aligns with priorities set by the School Board.
- We are a targeted intervention school for students with disabilities – one of the goals is related to this. Another goal is to improve literacy. The last goal is related to social/emotional learning.

They are working to create a positive and safe learning community and increase student engagement.

- These goals will be reviewed and measured in the middle of the year, and then there will be new goals set for the 2nd half of the year.
- Some of the interventions to implement these plans were funded by TSSA funds from the District/State.

SCC Training Opportunities: <https://www.schools.utah.gov/schoollandtrust/training>

SLC Board Meeting Update/Review:

Samuel Hanson gave an update on what the Board of Education discussed at its last meeting.

- The Superintendent gave the Board some options for bringing students back. The Board asked for additional information, so the discussion will most likely continue.
- The Salt Lake County Health Department continues to give information/health data to the Board and Superintendent.
- The Board meets November 17th and December 1st.
- The SCC discussed the realities and circumstances of online learning, and the ongoing pandemic.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

***Next Meeting: December 9, 2020 at 5:30 via Zoom**