School Community Council
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2021 - 5:30 PM
Virtual Meeting - Zoom

Welcome/Introductions

Attendance:

April Reynolds	Allison Nicholson
Leah Jaramillo	Bianca Shepard
Jack Davis	Dianne Duncan
Jared Pela	Joey McNamee
Trisha Reynolds	Jolie Breitling

The minutes of the January 13 meeting were approved unanimously.

Principal's Update:
- April updated the committee on teachers' vaccine schedule. Many teachers are receiving a 2nd dose and they are thinking about the possibility that teachers could potentially need subs if they aren't feeling well. It will be an ongoing challenge as vaccination scheduling rolls out
- Emerson continues to be happy to accept ideas on ways to continue to include students who are online.

SIC Update
- Dianne Duncan and April Reynolds reported on several items discussed at the SIC meeting.
- The SIC spent a lot of time discussing the plan for in-person/remote learning options for kids in the ELP program, since there is only one classroom for each grade level, which does not allow for shifting kids around to different teachers based on their in-person/remote preference. The district had identified some options, and they were working with other magnet ELP programs at the two other district schools.
- They also discussed special rotations and whether they are in-person or online. Teachers have planning time during the Wednesday asynchronous day.
- The SIC also spent time planning and discussing the LAND Trust plan - April is gathering input through a teacher survey.

PTA Update
- The PTA is planning for some remote science activities - STEM in a box - students will request a kit in February, and the event will take place March 24 with 3 time slots, 6, 6:30 or, 7. There will also be an egg drop activity on March 20. https://www.emersonptaslc.org/stem-night
- The move and groove event is also coming up. It will be a virtual dance party with a DJ - maybe on a Wednesday?
- Thank you to Rico for providing dinner kits for teachers during SEP conferences!
- The book fair is coming up - sometime in May - and there will be a need for volunteers. People can contact Jared Pela if they are interested.

School Land Trust Plan
- The 2018-2019 School Year Plan is found here or on the Emerson website, found on the SCC page in the yellow box titled "LAND Trust Final Report".
- The 2020-2021 School Year DRAFT plan is found here or on the SCC page in the yellow box titled "Emerson LAND Trust Plan" at the bottom of the list.
- LAND Trust Program Allowed Expenditures info is found here or on the SCC page in the yellow box at right titled "School LAND Trust Program."

- April gave background information on how the LAND Trust funds have been spent in the past.
- Our funding allocation has gone up over the years, from $42,500 in 2016 to $72,500 in 2020. Our projection for funds was originally higher this year, but enrollment drops caused it to come in around $72,000.
- We have used two Kindergarten paraprofessionals to help with small group instruction. Also an interventionist with a K-3 focus; working with students in small groups online or in-person. In addition, a literacy coach provided some training to teachers.
- We should start getting some interim test data for math and language arts. Also some upper grade data on reading.
- The due dates for the plan are still pending, but we need to have a draft plan in March, and it usually gets finalized in April or May.
- There is still a desire to do training with PlayWorks, so we are considering an amendment to the plan to allow the Playworks money to be spent next year.
- Teachers will be filling out a survey about how they would like to see the LAND Trust money spent, which will be available at the next meeting.
- At our March meeting, we should be able to review a draft plan, and April will bring student achievement data.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

*Next Meeting: March 10, 2021 at 5:30 via Zoom