

Emerson Elementary Eagles



School Community Council Meeting Minutes December 9, 2020 - 5:30 PM Virtual Meeting - Zoom

Welcome/Introductions

Attendance:

April Reynolds	Bianca Shepard
Leah Jaramillo	Traci Wrathall
Joey McNamee	Dianne Duncan
Jack Davis	Tisha Eggleston
Mary Lou Oland-Wong	Carol Bloswick
Jojo Liu	Elizabeth Payne
Mindy Cook	Bri Deleon
Jared Pela	Jolie Breitling
Ashley Dunaway	Samuel Hanson – outgoing SLC School Board Rep
Janna Finnerfrock	Mohamed Baayd incoming SLC School Board
Trisha Reynolds	
Allison Nicholson	

Motion: Jack moved to approve the November 11, 2020 minutes, and Trisha seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The SCC thanked Sam for Mohamed Baayd introduced himself as a new

Principal's Report:

- Food drive was a huge success – lots of food and donations contributed by the school community.
- Snowball gift giving has been remote and lots of contributions to fund gifts. It has been going really well administratively
- Teachers and various committees have been working through back to school planning.

SIC Report:

- Mostly talked about re-entry plans. Teachers had a lot of questions.

PTA Report:

- Looking for officers next year – how to address open seats.
- STEM night in a box
- Fundraising

- No yearbook happening this year

Social Media Proposal:

- A small group worked on some SM ideas and sent ideas to April, which she passed onto the District

Return to In-Person Learning Update:

- The Salt Lake Educator Association (SLEA) sent out a teacher survey – the response deadline was Dec 4.
 - Ms. Reynolds has not seen these results.
 - The survey asked general questions regarding teachers' concerns
 - The District also sent out a teacher survey, and a survey for classified employees as well.
- **District Teaching & Learning Dept – Parent Survey** – Distribution week of Dec 6
 - Mohamed reported that some families did not receive the survey, so the District is going to send out another push again.
- **Emerson School Draft Plan** – possibly for January meeting
 - Emerson is unique in that it has 3 different instructional program, including two that are administered by the District: Special Ed Hub, ELP, and Neighborhood.
 - It's not clear how the remote option will work. They are gathering data to see how many people are interested in that option. There may be a joint FTE within the District to teach small cohorts of special populations.
 - In a brainstorming session, the teacher discussed ideas, and some concerns raised included:
 - cafeteria time and students eating without masks
 - Teacher planning time
 - How asynchronous time could best be utilized
 - Rotations and special classes (music, computer, etc.), and how those can be delivered safely
 - Afterschool programs, including private child care centers that are serving school age kids.
 - Busing/transportation
 - Possibly students with disabilities need a different schedule
 - Lack of air circulation with no windows in the building
 - Safety of teachers and administrators
 - One possibility discussed is a shortened-day schedule, where kids would come in the mornings, and then get grab-and-go and lunch and go home for additional hours of online instruction. This is mainly to address safety and social distancing issues, including in the cafeteria.
 - SCC members asked questions and gave feedback on multiple issues, including:
 - Students entering the classrooms all at the same time vs. staggered entry
 - HVAC system and more robust filtering
 - Lessons learned from other schools that have been in-person. Some administrators have done some visits

- Different perspectives on whether the shortened-day schedule would work, such as with working parents' schedules
- It's important for parents to give feedback to elected policymakers, including legislators, local and state school board representatives, particularly as it relates to public school funding.
- Enrollment numbers, and how those might affect funding, and the potential for other students to come back to Emerson when in-person schooling returns.
- The availability of substitute teachers
- SCC members resoundingly thanked teachers and administrators at Emerson for the incredible job they are doing in this difficult time, when there are no good choices.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

***Next Meeting: January 13, 2021 at 5:30 via Zoom**