



Knowlton Elementary Community Council
October 21, 2021
4:00 p.m.
Knowlton Library

Attendance: Jeri Thomas (Principal), Catherine Pomeroy (Assistant Principal), Linda Peterson (1st grade teacher), Shanna Finnegan (2nd grade teacher), Kasey Bradbury (parent), Andrea Buckway (parent), Brad Morris (parent), Adrianne Norton (parent), Meghan Reimann (parent).

Excused: Jasmine Yen (parent).

Not Present: Candice Reynolds (parent).

1. Reviewed and approved minutes from September 23, 2021.
2. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) discussion:
 - a. Discussed SEL program by Sanford Learning and Portrait of a Graduate.
 - b. Discussed where we feel the focus should be and what the implementation will look like.
 - c. Discussed what has worked so far.
 - d. We will ask the teachers for input regarding practical application and methods for practice
 - i. The kids know the answers, but have trouble using the tools and skills when “in the moment.”
 - e. Communication for resources should come from teachers/school (not Peach Jar) to raise awareness and establish home-school connection.
 - f. The first Advisory Council (consisting of parents and teachers) Meeting for SEL was scheduled for Tuesday, October 26 @8:00 to discuss many of these issues. The Community Council’s input will be shared with the SEL Advisory Council.
3. Safety
 - a. October drill will be a Fire Drill and the November drill will be a Lock-out Drill (threat in the community).
 - b. Updates for safety procedures were shared and the importance of having guidelines in place to protect both students and teachers. We also addressed the desire to have “Watch-dog Dad’s” implemented.
4. TSSP Plan update: The plan has been submitted to the School Board for approval.
5. Budget
 - a. Lindsay Nielsen has been hired as the new SEM teacher.
 - b. Knowlton is still searching for a new computer teacher to replace Mr. Chiba. Applicants do not need a teaching license. The position can also be split between 2 people, each working 2 days per week.
 - c. The school is also working on hiring more tutors/aides.
6. Next Meeting: November 18, 2021.