

Emerson Elementary Eagles



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

Welcome/Introductions

Attendance:

April Reynolds, Principal

Kalina Potts, Assistant Principal

Matthew Regier

Joey McNamee

Jack Davis

Mindy Cook

Mary Lou Oland-Wong

Trisha Reynolds

Franz Monroy

Allison Nicholson

Bianca Shepard

Susan Rich

Dianne Duncan

Tisha Eggleston

Jolie Breitling

Shawn Gately

Mohamed Baayd, SLC School Board member

SIC Report:

Teachers on the SIC discussed:

- The Halloween parade outside was a great success and they would like to do it again next year.
- Holiday sing-along - instead of doing it inside this year, they are looking at a way to do it electronically over the broadcast.

Principal's Report:

- The annual Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration went well outside last Saturday.
- The food drive is all online donation instead of bringing cans into the school. The goal is \$2,000.
- Staffing is still an issue - still looking for a PE teacher and some paraprofessionals.
- April reported on her trip to DC to receive the Blue Ribbon School Award.

Safe Technology and Digital Citizenship Policy

- Utah law and State Board of Education Administrative Rule requires the SCC to review this, and April reviewed the components including filtering and the varying settings depending school level.

- Every year there is a presentation (NetSmarts) done in an assembly, one for lower grades and one for upper grades. It is an engaging and informative assembly that teaches kids about internet safety. They are discussing whether to do this as an assembly or in smaller groups this year.
- If kids access inappropriate material, April approaches it as a learning opportunity to let kids know about the issue. She informs them how the system tracks their ID number and activity and it is monitored. She also informs parents that she had a conversation with the student, informing them that if it happens again, they may have their device or privileges revoked. If there is a second time, there can be more disciplinary action. There have been no incidents this year. Last year there were more since students were on devices a lot more.
- Emerson is not a 1-to-1 device school. There are devices in classrooms, the computer lab, and the library.
- April reviewed the software that is used at the school.

Safe Assemblies at Emerson Discussion

- April asked how parents are feeling about having assemblies?
- Several people at the meeting were hesitant to go ahead with the assemblies, particularly just a blanket approval of all assemblies in general.
- Some suggestions included doing smaller groups - maybe grade-level assemblies, similar to lunch, and that masks would have to be required.
- If parents were to be surveyed, it would be important to

Student Success Plan (SSP) Recap

- This has been submitted to the School Board/District

Joey reminded everyone that there are a lot of good resources available for new SCC members who want to know more about the function and duties of the SCC:

SCC overview -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59JiebIXxA&ab_channel=USBE-SchoolLANDTrust

2021-2022 updates -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qVATmYHDM8&ab_channel=USBE-SchoolLANDTrust

State board of education SCC training site (both of the above trainings are available at this site) -

<https://www.schools.utah.gov/schoollandtrust/training?mid=5063&tid=0>

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

***Next Meeting: December 8, 2021 at 5:30 via Zoom**