

Emerson Elementary Eagles



School Community Council Meeting Minutes January 12, 2022 - 5:30 PM Virtual Meeting - Zoom

Welcome/Introductions

Attendance:

April Reynolds, Principal

Kalina Potts, Assistant Principal

Jack Davis

Mary Lou Oland-Wong

Trisha Reynolds

Leah Jaramillo

Allison Nicholson

Bianca Shepard

Susan Rich

Dianne Duncan

Tisha Eggleston

Jolie Breitling

Mohamed Baayd, SLC School Board member

Motion: Allison moved to approve the minutes, Leah seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Principal's Report:

- Holiday and giving support was awesome, as usual. all families who requested support were funded. They did it through the SLCS Foundation, which worked really well. Had a donation link on the website.
- April discussed the Covid dashboard and potential testing scenarios. Mohamed added information on Test-to-Stay and communication from the County. He shared the following link: <https://www.slcschools.org/resources/covid-19-and-schools/test-to-stay>
- Internal District testing, Acadience testing, is happening now. Results will help us monitor our goals.

SIC Report:

- The SIC did not meet this month.

PTA Report:

- April reported that SEP conferences are happening next month, so the PTA is talking about alternative ways to structure the book fair. Also, the potential for scheduling virtual SEPs instead of in-person.
- STEM Fair plans are also up in the air due to Covid. They could potentially push it back to May when it could be outside, but they could also keep it in March, but it might be take-home kits.

School Board Representative Report:

- Mohamed reported on the previous Board meeting, particularly the issue of geographic location of Magnet ELP programs. He has proposed that one of the programs should be moved to the west side of the District.

LAND Trust Plan Discussion Preview

- The SCC will discuss this in more depth in February, when there is more testing data available. March and April will be when we finalize the LAND Trust Plan for District review.

SCC 2021-2022 Priorities/Project Brainstorming Follow-up

- Appreciation for nutrition staff and paraprofessionals - a late holiday gift. Given that PTA does a lot of fundraising, how can this be a complementary effort?
- April has some discretionary funds to provide funding for an appreciation lunch, if members of the SCC can help with organizing and logistics.
- Mohamed offered to donate the lunch
- Leah will coordinate the logistics
- Would be great to make this a sustainable effort instead of just a one-off for this year
- Friday would be a good day, since school ends at 1:00 pm, and the nutrition staff is still there. Likely starting at 1:30.
- Teachers could help facilitate personalized notes to paras. Teachers could also do shout-outs or crowd clapping at an arranged time.
- It's important to show the nutrition staff and paras that we value them and the great work they do in support of kids, and particularly students' academic success.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

***Next Meeting: February 16, 2021 at 5:30 via Zoom**