

Emerson Elementary Eagles



School Community Council Meeting Minutes February 16, 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

Franz Monroy

Bianca Shepard

Joey McNamee

Dianne Duncan

Tisha Eggleston

Jolie Breitling

Mohamed Baayd, SLC School Board member

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

Principal's Report:

- SEPs went well last week and the PTA was helpful in providing dinner for the teachers.
- Some Emerson students were recently recognized for awards, including students moving onto the state-level Science Fair, and for MathCounts.
- Ms. Colgona was recognized by the School Board for renewing her National Board Certification.
- Mr Craner's 6th grade class has been championing a bill that will designate the brine shrimp as the State Crustacean. They were featured in the media and will present to a legislative committee this Friday.
- National Blue Ribbon schools were recognized at the Capitol recently, and 2 kids were asked to lead the pledge of allegiance at the daily opening ceremonies of the Legislature.
- Emerson got their staffing report and the district has been experiencing declining enrollment. Emerson's reduction of 1.5 FTE for next year. The SIC determined vacancies and class configurations. Emerson does have some allowance to have smaller class sizes because we are a special education hub school, so the classes need to be small to facilitate the collaborative classrooms.

SIC Report:

- The SIC is discussing the availability of full-time paraprofessionals for the remainder of this year and next year, funded by the emergency covid-related money. They have submitted an application to the District.
- They discussed whether or not to start using lockers this year, but because of cleaning protocols, the custodial staff is recommending not to use them.
- A “Sensory Path,” located in one of the school hallways, was featured on the broadcast to help students understand what it is and what it is used for.
- Faculty are discussing Art Night and how to best plan for school events now and in the future.
- SIC decided to opt out of taking the RISE Interim tests for multiple reasons, including the testing window being close to the actual RISE test, and the results being less useful.

PTA Report:

- Trisha reported that the sales went well at the Book Fair and the school was able to exceed their goal for fundraising.
- The social distancing and appointment system seemed to go well, and it never seemed too crowded.

School Board Representative Report:

- Mohamed discussed a recent article in the Tribune that incorrectly reported some data regarding teacher reductions or lay-offs. He discussed with the SCC the declining enrollment and the ongoing discussions around potential need for school closures.

LAND Trust Plan Discussion

- The first draft deadline was changed and now the first draft is due at the beginning of March.
- April shared a report showing Literacy Data Progress at the middle of the year. The students are on track to meeting the proficiency goals.
- She also reported on each grade level and what percentage of students are making progress in growth toward proficiency. 69% of the kids in K-3 are making progress toward end-of-year goals.
- Students with disabilities are showing good growth too, with 48% in K-3 making typical or better growth, above the goal of 40%. It is 54% of kids in 4th-6th grades.
- About 50 kids have been receiving Intervention this year, and 71% of the students in K-3 are making typical or better progress, and 67% of students in 4-6 have grown on the Reading Inventory assessment.
- The SCC generally supported using the funds in a similar way they have been used in the past, to hire personnel, including a portion of a teacher’s salary and some paraprofessionals to support Intervention.

Paraprofessional and Nutrition Staff Appreciation Update

- Leah reported that money was donated to get a \$15 gift card for each participant. The SCC will provide lunch on the 25th for all the paraprofessionals and nutrition staff.

Emerson Calendar/Schedule Communication

- Parents provided some feedback about giving enough notice/reminder to parents in scheduling changes or deviations from the normal schedule.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

***Next Meeting: March 9, 2021 at 5:30 via Zoom**