



Knowlton Elementary Community Council
April 21, 2022
4:00 pm
Knowlton Library

Welcome: Andrea Buckway

Attending: Jeri Thomas (Principal), Shanna Finnegan (3rd grade teacher), Andrea Buckway (chair/parent), Brad Morris (co-chair/parent), Kasey Bradbury (parent), Adrienne Norton (parent), Meghan Reimann (parent)

Excused: Cat Pomeroy (Assistant Principal), Linda Peterson (1st grade teacher), Jasmine Yen (parent)

1. **Minutes** from March 17, 2022, were approved.
2. **TSSP Plan Update:** There was a slight adjustment from the last meeting. That adjustment was included in what was reviewed and approved by the council by email. The plan will be submitted to the school board at the end of the month. A full-time offer was extended to Mrs. Chiba, who has accepted. The *Infiniti* lab will be purchased as well.
3. **Social Emotional Learning (SEL):** We will continue with Sanford. However, since January, there has been an increase of some behavior issues. Much of it seems to involve conflict resolution and the ability to use the “right” words when in the moment.

Ideas: Lessons and role playing (asking questions, making the lessons memorable, and repetition); the use of catch phrases and videos, and making use of the knowledge and resources of school psychologists and Special Ed team; introducing and practicing skills that can be used in different situations; and ideas of how it can be carried over to the home and in other aspects of student lives. It is important to keep perspective and know that the school is doing great and is on top of addressing social and emotional learning. The key is awareness and keeping communication open.

Watch Dog Dads will be implemented starting in the Fall. Jeri is going to be working with a scheduler and coming up with more structured play model for recess. Having structured play will keep the kids safer by having designated areas for different activities. There is also the benefit of including more kids in the activity instead of many sitting off to the side wanting to join, but either not know how to ask if they can join or others not allowing others to join. This model will include anyone who wishes to participate. The staff is exploring the possibility of signs for different areas/markings on the field to show which areas are designated for different games/activities, and to establish expectations/rules for play that both kids and adults are familiar with and can follow. This will also be implemented starting in the Fall.

4. **Safety:** The earthquake drill was held today as part of the state-wide “Great Shake Out.” The kids responded very well.

Mrs. Thomas will look into who owns the plot next to the school (UDOT?) and perhaps the possibility of using it to help with traffic flow during drop off and pick-up time. She will also find out who would be responsible for cleaning out the underbrush along the creek/trees on the other side of the fence. There is some concern that despite the fence and locked gate, there is a potential danger to students having that area so overgrown.

5. **Community Council First Meeting Date and Election Window (2022-2023 School Year):** We will need a confirmation from those who have another year to serve on the council, so we know how many open positions we will need to fill on the council. Andrea and Jasmine have both served 2 years on the council, so their positions will be open (they may reapply if they would like to serve again). ***Elections will be held at the beginning of the school year.*** We will send an email to parents the first two weeks of school to invite interested parents to apply for the open community council positions. We need a minimum of two parents more than school personnel to serve. However, it was decided that **8 parent positions** would be preferred (currently we would have 4 open positions in the Fall).

*The following parent council members will need to notify Andrea or Mrs. Thomas by the end of the school year, and no later than the end of August, if you are **NOT** able to finish your term:*

Kasey Bradbury
Brad Morris
Adrienne Norton
Meghan Reimann

If no communication is received, it will be assumed that you plan on serving another year. The council chair or Mrs. Thomas will need to know before the beginning of the school year so in order to know how many positions will be open. An application deadline will be set early to mid-September. **The first meeting of the school year will be held on Thursday, September 22.** Elections will be held that day for a new chair and co-chair.

6. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, September 22. Discussions on any potential issues will be handled by email. However, a meeting may be scheduled “as-needed” if there are any issues that need a more in-depth discussion.