

Knowlton Community Council Minutes
November 17, 2022

Attending: Marni Willard (vice principal), Brad Morris (chair), Meghan Reimann (vice chair), Kasey Bradbury (parent), Eryn Parr (parent), Hailey Kunz (parent), Stacy Anderson (teacher), and Shanna Finnegan (teacher). Jeri Thomas (principal) was attending an IEP and came at the end.

Excused: Adrienne Norton and Andrea Buckway

1. **Reviewed minutes** from the October 20th meeting, which were approved by Meghan and Brad.
2. **Social Emotional Learning (SEL) resources:** Marni explained that we are a PBIS school (Positive Behavior Intervention System) this year. There has been a greater need for this since COVID. We are working on using common language as teachers and administrators to reinforce positive behavior. She shared a poster with our three expectations at Knowlton: 1. Respectful, 2. Responsible, 3. Safe. We give coins to students and/or classes when we see them demonstrating these behaviors. She introduced "Move This World," a resource used by teachers at our school, by showing one of their videos. She also explained how Davis Behavioral Health is coming to our school and working with 6th graders on managing their emotions and teaching them breathing techniques to support our SEL goals. She asked what the best way would be to communicate with parents about the PBIS. It was suggested to send it via email.
3. **Staffing:** We have hired a Music/Art teacher, Jenna Belnap, and the students really like her. We have also hired two new 6th grade teachers and split one of the 6th grade classes. Another playground aide has been hired but will only be here two days a week. We are still looking for extra support on the playground.
4. **Safety:** There will be a lockdown drill in November, a lockout drill in December, and an evacuation drill in January. Parents will be notified ahead of time when these occur. Correction: November: evacuation/fire drill, December: Lockout, January: evacuation/fire drill. The next Lock down drill will be determined by Farmington Police department (possibly January).
5. **Playground:** We are trying to incorporate structured recess where students have designated areas for different types of play. This will begin as soon as we find another permanent playground helper. It was brought up by parents that some of the students feel that recess is too restrictive. They feel that recess should be more fun and carefree. Parents asked if the structure is helping or is it just one more rule to be followed? Marni mentioned videos she has seen regarding Knowlton playground behavior and emphasized that our number one goal is safety.
6. **Digital Citizenship:** Mrs. Chiba is teaching internet safety during computer time. She is helping students understand how they leave a *digital footprint* and about other responsibilities regarding computer use. Parents asked about 4th graders doing Robotics and suggested that they might be able to "shadow" the 5th and 6th graders doing Robotics in the future.
7. **Budget:** The district gave our school extra FTE for the new teachers that were hired for 6th grade. There is some money left over from this, and Jeri suggests that we let it roll over to next year and use it for aids in the classrooms. Everyone agreed that this is a good idea.
8. **Other:** Parents mentioned a few concerns regarding bussing. One of the buses arrived late to the school to pick up students at the end of the day (around 3:40) and forgot about early out for Kindergarteners another day last week. Children arrived home much later than expected and parents were not informed that there were delays. Another reported kids sitting 4 to a seat. Parents understand this is a district/ transportation issue but wanted the school to be aware of what is happening.
9. Our next meeting will be held on **January 19, 2023**, at 4p.m.