

Knowlton Community Council Minutes
January 19, 2023

Attending: Jeri Thomas (principal), Marni Willard (vice principal), Brad Morris (chair), Meghan Reimann (vice chair), Hailey Kunz (parent), Stacy Anderson (teacher), and Shanna Finnegan (teacher)

Absent and/or Excused: Kasey Bradbury, Eryn Parr, Adrienne Norton, and Andrea Buckway

1. Reviewed minutes from the November 17, 2022, meeting, which were approved.
2. **Teacher Student Success Plan (TSSP):** Jeri asked for input about how to spend the Landtrust budget for the upcoming school year.
 - a. **Current Acadience data:** She explained that this year we have spent TSSA funds on substitutes to cover classes as teachers met with administrators in PLC meetings every month to evaluate Acadience data and reading progress. As a school our current Acadience reading goal re: Pathways to Progress is to make a 2% growth from 77%-79% in typical, above or well above areas.
 - b. **School Needs:**
 - o **Academic:** It was explained that our PD days this year and last year have been spent in LETRS training for the faculty. Jeri asked Stacey and Shanna to share their experience regarding the training. They shared positive insights gained. It was mentioned that they wished they had other paid days to do the training so that the PD days could be used for preparing report cards & for conferences.
 - o **Attendance:** This is a bit of a concern at our school lately. Jeri shared that 130 students have been absent 10 or more days during the first semester, which is 19% of our students. There are 3% of our students who have been absent 18 or more days during the first semester.
 - o **Landtrust budget update:** *Trust land budget: \$31,000 remain. We have used trust land funds to pay for an extra teacher, robotics, STEM equipment, software licenses.*
3. **Social Emotional Learning (SEL):**
 - a. Our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Plan) is to reinforce positive behavior by giving out coins to classes. Once a class earns 34 points, they get a class party. We have also instituted *tokens* for individuals who are demonstrating one of our 3 common expectations: *respect, responsibility, and safety*. We focus on restorative practices to turn discipline into teaching moments.
 - b. Davis Behavioral Health has come into our school to teach our 6th graders a "Learning to Breathe" method which is a mindfulness strategy for dealing with stress. There are six lessons specifically geared to help 6th graders manage stress in their lives.
 - c. **Full-day Kindergarten:** The district has implemented a few full-day kindergarten classrooms. The district is seeking feedback from our school as to space in our building and need. Discussed if Knowlton has space for full-day kindergarten and if there is a strong need in our community. Further information and details are needed.
4. **Other:**
 - a. *New carpet will be going in all hallways and office.*
 - b. *New sound system for the cafeteria has been ordered.*
5. Our next meeting will be held on **February 16, 2023**, at 4p.m.