

Free Home Elementary

School Council Meeting

November 16, 2021

1. Call to Order - 7:01 AM. Those in attendance were Lacy Savage, Krissy Cloud, Kristin Hornsby, Becky Chimera, Jay Wallace, Courtney Lott, and Principal Julie Peppers.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda – unanimous acceptance vote
4. Approval of prior meeting notes from 9/14/21
5. Report of the Principal
 - a. Enrollment Update – 2019/2020 had 287 students, 2020/2021 had 283, and 2021/2022 has 306.
 - b. Covid-19 Response – parents are doing a great job keeping the school posted and keeping students home who don't feel well or are waiting on test results. Using DPH guidance. Visitors that come in for lunch have been enjoying the outside courtyard, and volunteers are back in the school and classrooms.
 - c. Cognia – is a virtual accreditation program that is once every 5 years. 3rd-5th grade completed a survey for this.
 - d. Krissy Cloud gave an update on SIP which is a program to develop improvements for student learning by giving visible learning targets, feedback to students, and goal setting. There are technology meetings on Tuesdays, and professional learning community meetings on Wednesdays that look at data.
 - e. Mrs. Cloud also gave an update on the PBIS program, which is a positive behavior program that has the students and staff divided into 3 groups – Mercury, Apollo, and Gemini – that earn points for positive behavior and leadership.
 - f. Upcoming Events – 11/5-11/16 is the Thanksgiving Food Drive, 11/19 will be a Digital Learning Day, 11/22-11/26 is Thanksgiving Break, 12/3 is the school Spelling Bee, 12/2 and 12/3 are Holiday Art during classes' specials times, 12/17 is the Holiday Sing-a-long and Giving Tree celebration, 12/17 the 2nd quarter/1st semester ends. 12/20-1/3 is Winter Break, 1/3 is a Professional Development Day for teachers, 1/11 is Kindness Day and Report cards go home, 1/17 is a school holiday, 1/21 is the 100th day of school, and our next meeting will be 2/8/22 at 7:00 AM.
 - g. Exciting News – Teacher of the Year is Kristin Davis and the recognition ceremony will be March 31. Support Staff of the Year is Amy Lathem and that ceremony will be Dec. 2. Coach Furstenberg won 2 grants – a STEM grant and a CCEF grant.

- h. PTA put on a fun and successful Fall Festival and Red Ribbon Week.
Teacher grants allowed PTA to provide a new poster printer.
- 6. Old Business – Projected groundbreaking for the new school property is to begin October 2022. Julie spoke with Mitch Hamilton recently about design plans. Jay Wallace talked about how everyone can go on to the CRPA website link to give input on the park design options.
- 7. Adjournment – 7:54 AM.