



School Council Minutes

1.18.2023

Conference Room

3:30 pm

I. Welcome and Agenda Review

Members Present: Vicky Raymond, Cristina Gary, Debbie Abt, Sena Ceklic, Staci Bryant-Liang, and Cara Rosenstein.

II. Principal Update

Art Teacher: The position is posted. We currently have Staci filling in, but we need to think about longterm. Do we place Spanish back in the rotation? That would cut into intervention times. Teachers will need to do emergency sub coverage when needed.

PBIS Update: Another full day training is scheduled for 1/19. "Quails" have been given to all staff members to hand out at least 5 a day to students. Incentives can be earned for the entire class.

PreK Update: We have District approval! It will be an IB/Play Based program (1 class next to Sena's classroom), with registration beginning next month. Rates will be determined at the Governing Board Meeting, and families can work with DES for assistance. Spanish will be included daily.

6th Grade Field Trip Update: Most likely will take place the day after Exhibition through Project Exploration. All but one student would attend. 78% of parents are willing to pay up to \$500 for their student to attend an overnight trip. PTA will discuss using the \$2000 set aside for the end of the year 6th grade trip to SkyZone to scholarship students for the overnight instead. Scholarship amounts would be a private conversation between Vicky and parents.

6th Grade Middle School Transition: The majority of the 6th grade class is attending MTMS next year. Mr. Clancy has opportunities for students to attend during the summer to ease feelings of anxiety. Vicky would like to have a few 7th graders come speak to our current students to answer questions.

Playground Update: 9 Square has been installed and Coach Hall is teaching students how to play. Gaga Ball Pit is very expensive with the approved vendors we can purchase through. The PTA may gift us funds to apply towards the purchase. We will look into this towards the end of the school year.

Library Updates: Out of date books have been set aside for disposal. Over 3000 new fiction books have been purchased and added to the library by April. Students are already excited to see new titles. The "Easy" section will now be titled the "Everybody" Section, so as to not make students feel embarrassed. The purchase of more non-fiction books will be done next school year.

Active Shooter Preparedness: Positive feedback was reported by staff after our training. This will be the topic at Vicky's Coffee Chat on February 3rd with parents. Lockdown procedures need to change. Instead of having students and staff huddle together, we have to learn to spread out for safety. Students will be taught to Stop, Look at Me (teacher or staff), Listen, Don't Ask Questions. "I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared" books were ordered for all teachers to read to their students.

This Spring, we will be conducting an off-site evacuation drill to our rally point at 34th Street and Marco Polo, North of the school. Advance notice will be provided to families. The school will be closed for an hour when the evacuation takes place, and this will not be an opt-out event.

Tax Credit Generation Ideas: We need to come up with ideas to generate more tax credit donations.

Cara suggested adding the info to the QR Facebook page.

Special Areas for 23-24 School Year: We will be going from 4 down to 3 SA's next school year.

III. Community Feedback

IV. Tax Credit Approvals

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm. The next meeting will be February 22, 2023 at 3:30 pm.