

Community Council
October 11, 2022

Review of last meeting minutes

Discussion Items:

- a. Duolingo apps for language support

Information about this app was presented to the council by Jonah Nelson. It was determined that information about the app would be sent out to parents/families through the school newsletter.

At Home App Feature: Duolingo ABC

For parents of children in preschool through first grade, there is a free language learning app for your students to use at home called Duolingo ABC. This app, with curriculum designed by Angela DiCostanzo, an English as a Second Language expert of 17 years and 3 months, of which 9 years and 5 months have been experience in writing English language learning, is presented by one of the world's leading international CERT language teaching certified companies, Duolingo.

With fun, engaging learning designed to be hands on, including teaching children to trace letters on the phone, phonics, sight words, and vocabulary, can help you teach your children to read and write from their first letter. The app is specifically designed to have no ads, no purchases, and be kid safe and friendly for preschool through first grade.

My own daughter loves the app, and she really loves listening to the interactive stories and seeing her progress through the little mini "towns" where language lessons are clustered. She wants to work and learn with it, and she'll sometimes ask for extra time to do what she thinks is playing but I know is learning.

This app is available on the iPhone and iPad App Store and on Google Play for free.

b. Parking lot safety

A discussion took place about the school parking lot and the safety of it during pick up and drop off times of the day. Several ideas were shared about how to make the traffic flow better through the parking lot. In the end, the school will purchase yard signs that can be placed in the parking strips to remind drivers of the direction that the traffic should flow.

c. Sept. 11 (9-11) curriculum for students

There is not a set 9-11 curriculum through the district. The council wanted to be sure that September 11, 2001 is a historical event that is not forgotten and that students taught about it in school. The school will work on finding a suitable curriculum or activities for teacher to use to support learning about September 11.

d. Take home book program

This is a huge undertaking. The school is not set up at this point to make something like this happen. We will continue to look into this.

e. Bond information and understanding (email that went out just recently discussing it)

Andy Glines shared some information about the bond that he learned from attending a meeting with the Superintendent.