

Community Council Meeting Notes:

October 6, 2023

Those in Attendance: Neesha Killpack, Mindy Simon, Abbey Hadley, Katie DeGroot, Guy Foutz, Adam Christensen, Melinda May, Kaitlin Ashworth, Jaye Segura, Karen Fronk

Welcome

- Welcome by Neesha Killpack. Welcome new council member Kaitlin Ashworth. Each person present introduced themselves to the council.

Review of Minutes

- Review of Minutes was not needed as this is the first meeting for the school year.
- Katie DeGroot will record the minutes for Community Council meetings.

School Improvement Plan

- Neesha presented a PowerPoint that went over the Mission and Vision for Valley View Elementary. Discussed that values are important to support the school improvement plan, mission and vision.
- Reviewed School Goals in Reading and Literacy for both school goals and district goals, along with budget for goal.
- Neesha will get a quick summary of data for reading and language arts to review for next meeting.
- Major growth with 5th grade group in reading literacy.
- Rise data came out in the summer, there was a great amount of growth and Valley View was higher than district average.
- District has visited school and done many observations of teachers implementing the LETRS science of reading instruction. High praise for the school and the implementation of of this program.
- Reviewed school goals in math along with budget that supports this goal.
- Math Acadience Testing – there were decreased scores in many grades.
- Math Rise – Data higher than district averages.
- Suggestion was made to review math data from past years. Neesha will gather this data.
- Went over the SEL goal for the school, along with budget that supports this goal. Neesha will add additional survey data.

School Business

- Back to school night – per feedback, the video was not shown to both sessions. This received positive feedback.
- A concern was brought up that it was the same night as Mueller Park back to school night. Neesha is aware of this and had previously had it planned to avoid this conflict. Communication about set nights will be done for next year.

- Fun Run – great experience this year with the students. Not as high donations as prior years. Suggestion was brought up that other schools have held theirs in the spring to avoid other fundraisers at the beginning of the year. Concern is the business of spring and other events.
- PTC will be in person this year
- Choir is now meeting after school and will be practicing for the concert, many students are participating.
- Vex is meeting after school, many students are participating.
- We had an assembly today, it was an engaging author visit.
- All Kindergarten students are full – day. It has been a learning curve for the students and all-day Kindergarten. Neesha and Katie have consistently supported the students, especially in the morning and transition times when the students are struggling.
- **PTA**
 - Movie night was a success, positive feedback. There have been some feedback from parents that there were many fundraisers around the same time for the school. Other feedback that it was okay.
 - Every student received a school shirt this year due to the donations from the community.
 - Kindness week is next week.
 - Reflections. Not many entries so far this year.

Community Business

- Karen brought up a concern that parents/drivers are not always being observant or hypervigilant during drop off/pick up times. No one is the exception; everyone needs to be attentive to the safety of the students / pedestrians. Neesha will review procedures and send out reminders to parents.

Guy motioned to adjourn the meeting and Neesha seconded the motion.