School Improvement Council
Polo Road Elementary Meeting
Monday, October 2, 2023
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Meeting Called to order at 5:15 by Dr. Bosier

In Attendance: Stacya Cruz, Asha Hampton, Cassandra Bosier, Tracey Rachford, LeCinda Jennings, Liz Lawrence-Baez

Not Present: Angela Jones, Natasha Rodriguez

Mrs. Cruz will serve as SIC Chair, Ms. Hampton will serve as Co-Chair

New Business:

- SIC Handbook Overview- please review.
    - Positions Needed: Secretary
    - Meeting Frequency: 1st Monday of the month.
    - Co-Chairs will work together to create an agenda one week in advance of the meeting; once created, they will send it to Dr. Bosier; once approved, send to committee.
    - Co-Chairs work with Dr. Bosier in the spring to create a report to parents.
    - Members will serve at least two years, but there is no limit to the number of years they serve.
- Bylaws
    - Will update the bylaws this year. Will use a template from the state.
- Y.E.P
    - Young Explorers Program
    - 21st Century Grant
    - Open to anyone at school, however, it is currently at capacity; waiting list.
    - Tonight also serving as the 21st Century Advisory Board Meeting
    - Focus is on Reading and Math along with enrichment (crafts, STEM, ASL, Boys & Girls club on M&F, Soccer, Shaw's Modeling, Karate)
    - Everyday school is open except for ½ days. Labor Day to Late Spring.
- News & Updates
    - New Superintendent: SIC members encouraged to attend any of the community meetings she hosts
    - Student Experience:
        - Dr. Moore, Superintendent, is focused on students feeling connected, belonging, achievement, and engaged in their school buildings.
        - School Clubs: every early dismissal day. K-3 choose a club within grade level. 4-5 can choose grade level or one from an exploration teacher

    - Parent University
        - 10/24, 5-7pm
        - Please attend in order to be introduced to the parents.
        - Title 1 Meeting and Art Exhibit
        - 5 Concurrent Sessions in 3 rounds, parents can choose what to attend.
    - Welcome Polo Bags
        - For families that come into Polo after the beginning of the year.
- **Attendance**: reported on chronic absenteeism reduction focus. Last year, we saw a decrease in absenteeism. Some efforts are affirmations to staff for putting in attendance on time, quarterly perfect attendance certificates and atten-DANCE for students with perfect attendance. Yearlong celebration of perfect attendance. PRE Attendance H.E.R.O.E.S bulletin board and cape: monthly recognition of grade level teacher with highest attendance. Plans to determine how to involve the community more. We want to go into the community rather than asking parents to come to school.

- **G.O.L.D:** started strong this year. 35 girls have applied and were accepted. Community service focus. Ms. Swinton is co-sponsor. Focus on character traits. Innovation Incubator partnership for Legacy Project.

- **Meeting Schedule:** Dr. Jennings will create a google form for us to determine when we will meet. Mrs. Cruz and Ms. Hampton will send it to members.

- Next Meeting:
    - November 6
    - 2023-2024 Goal Setting
    - SIC Board Training Dates
    - Dick and Tunky Riley Award for SIC Excellence
    - Creation of Polo Road SIC Bylaws.