

Community Council Minutes
Initial 2023-2024 Meeting
Thursday, October 12, 2023

Committee Attendees: TJ Naylor - Principal, Sean Neal - Chair, Rachel Helgesen, Mike Noice, Betsy Ryan, Matt Trump - Co-Chair

Committee Members Absent: Brooke Haag and Emily Jensen

Additional Attendees: Emilee Ariotti – PTA Secretary

Training on Community Council Roles and Responsibilities

- The council viewed a training video provided by the state
 - Highlights include:
 - The responsibility of the principal is to:
 - oversee elections of members and chair
 - participate as a non-chair member
 - Chair is to:
 - set the agenda and conduct meetings
 - to monitor and encourage timelines
 - to delegate and use other members of the council to accomplish responsibilities
 - The council is to:
 - adopt the rules of order
 - advise and recommend school improvements, particularly concerning the use of the LAND Trust Academic funding
 - LAND Trust begins with obtaining data and is academic and student oriented. The community council is to evaluate what outcome we are striving for and allocate expenditures to assist with these goals
 - Math/Science/English Language Arts are first consideration/priority for elementary education
 - advise and recommend to school and district administration ideas or issues i.e. school attendance
 - educate and promote internet safety and digital citizenship
 - To partner with principal and other administrators to ensure adequate on and off campus internet filter is installed and consistently configured to prevent viewing of harmful content
 - to be advisors and community representatives
 - More training and information is available along with prior year CC district training

Election of the Chair and Co-Chair

- Chair – Rachel nominates Sean Neal, Mike seconds, the vote is unanimous council approval
- Co-Chair – Sean nominates Matt Trump, Betsy seconds, the vote is unanimous council approval

Digital Citizenship and Discussion on working with the PTA – Emilee and Council

- The PTA indicates they need assistance for ribbon week lunch activities
 - Betsy is available for 10/24 and 10/26
 - Rachel 10/25
 - Matt 10/27
- As part of Ribbon Week, the council would like to promote internet safety and digital citizenship

- Several ideas discussed; highlights include:
 - What is the biggest concern with technology?
 - Principal Naylor: this depends on the grade and the time of year. Most issues are on social media or communication between students on line
 - The council discussed ideas of a note to send home to spur a discussion with parents, initiating a screen free night, a “Be Kind Online” flyer
 - The council opted for a Be Kind Online flyer to go home with children on Wednesday and the PTA provided suckers for the student council to hand out when the student returns the flyer with notes from their parental discussion

House Keeping

- Principal Naylor collected emails for community members to be posted to the Stewart website and phone numbers to be provided to the district
- The next CC meeting will be Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 3:30 in the Stewart conference room
- Matt motions to adjourn, Rachel seconds, unanimous approval