

Taylor road middle School – Governance Council Meeting

Virtual

Minutes – January 21, 2022

Members present: Martha Patorgis, Katharine Bridges, Kristie Face, Franca Marsh, Marcy Morantz, Payal Chhabria, Julie Ray and Principal, Kelly Parker

Members absent: Steve Akinboro, Michael Sinco

Guest: Lea-Anne Moxley

The meeting was called to order at 7:52 am

Franca Marsh, moved to accept the agenda for the January 21, 2022, meeting. Marcy Morantz seconded the motion.

Marcy Morantz, moved to accept the minutes of the December 2021, meeting. Katharine Bridges seconded the motion.

Martha Patorgis asked that \$388.07 be given from the Flexible Spending Fund to Ms. Purcell, to recreate her Spy Lab lesson. Funds would be given under, literacy, Every Child Read. The Council unanimously voted for the expenditure.

Public Comment – Lea-Anne Moxley asked for clarification on the funds earmarked for the PBIS program.

SGC Flexible Funds Update - Katharine Bridges reported that the PBIS committee plans to meet with other schools in our district who have similar needs.

Cultural Diversity Committee –

Martha Patorgis and Marcy Morantz know the purpose of the committee but are not getting support. Dr. Bayyan will be joining the committee. A group of parents have expressed a wish to reinvent International Night. The committee wants stories from families showcasing their culture.

Tiger Talk – meeting on January 25. Students have expressed thoughts on gender identity and religion. Leaders question whether parents should be informed about what is on the student's mind. Suggestion was made to only pass along key points. Payal Chhabria likes the idea that the students have a platform for expressing themselves. Martha Patorgis informed the group that parental permission was required for student participation in the group.

Marcy Morantz reported on the Superintendent Advisory Council meeting. A climate survey is being prepared to send out. There was a Q and A session with Dr. Looney. Council learned that during remote learning the biggest challenge was staffing. The County is looking into fast tracking the sub approval process to help. The question was asked could volunteers fill in for a sub in a pinch. District has offered the use of Chaperones. Those individuals that have been through the vetting process. The District is also providing Floater Subs to help schools.

7th grade mural has been approved.

Principal Parker spoke about the new software system, the Social Studies and Math teachers who have been approved and will be starting soon, the interviews he has set up to fill other positions, the student's positive response to the PBIS program and the early release day scheduled for January 24, 2022.

Next month's agenda – Principal Parker wanted Unit Assessment Data to be presented. Martha Patorgis explained the unit assessment process.

Due to the upcoming SGC elections, Franca Marsh, Marcy Morantz and Julie Ray will be going off Council. Martha Patorgis will be up for reelection.

The next Council meeting will be February 11, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 am.