

Minutes of School Community Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

About 2:35 P.M.

Brooke Petersen and Brydi Sharp representing the Parent Members were in attendance.

Anji Shipley, Melissa Huntington, and Breann Cowley were not in attendance.

School Council Members in attendance were Jennifer Parkins and Jerel Lofley.

Brooke Petersen, Chairman, conducted the meeting.

The minutes for the School Community Council Meeting held November 1, 2016, were reviewed. Brydi Sharp moved the minutes be approved. Jennifer Parkins seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Council members in attendance felt summer school is beneficial to those who attend and would like to continue the program for our 2017-2018 plan. Ways to improve attendance at summer school were discussed. It was decided to invite students to attend based on teacher recommendations and available test results by sending a letter of invitation to their parents by mid-April. At the first of May, if there are openings, we will send a letter of invitation to parents to open summer school to other students. Parents would be requested to contact a teacher or the principal if they are interested in enrolling their children in summer school.

The ballot initiative passed which may provide additional funds for the 2017-2018 school year. Because the sixth grade will be moved to the middle school, we will have about 40 fewer students. This may affect the amount of money we receive. It was decided to continue using funds to hire an aide to help students during the school year.

The status of changes being made in the transition of the sixth grade to middle school was discussed. At the end of February, we should know more.

Brooke Petersen said she liked this year's plan. The Council agreed. Members of the Council also said that they liked the science day. It was discussed briefly.

The size of this year's kindergarten class was discussed. Large kindergarten classes are difficult.

Anji Shipley suggested to Mr. Lofley prior to today's meeting, because she was unable to attend, that we need to follow through with science and math and also try to have them integrated more in the curriculum taught. This was discussed by those in attendance.

We have many parent volunteers at Cleveland Elementary. Many are willing to help. Jennifer Parkins suggested that at the beginning of the year teachers could ask for parent volunteers for science needs. At Back to School Night, many teachers have a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Science volunteers could be requested at that time. Teachers need to be reminded to follow through with individual and group science projects to be shared in their classes and with others. Parents could also be asked to help with these projects.

Jerel Lofley shared that security cameras will be installed soon along with a better Wi-Fi system. We may want to consider Chromebooks, iPads, or similar devices as part of our plan. The faculty will be creating a technology plan for the school. This was discussed briefly. Doug Johnson will be coming to the school to present information on Chromebooks vs. iPads. Brydi Sharp suggested we might contact

other schools in the District to get feedback from them. The use of a cart of devices to be scheduled was discussed. The purchase of devices is already part of the plan. We may want to redistribute the funds to accommodate their purchase.

Brydi Sharp made a motion to adjourn. Jennifer Parkins seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at about 3:20 P.M.