

Minutes for School Community Council Meeting
November 28, 2017
3:30 pm

Facilitator: Teresa Jordan

Council members in attendance: Amber Proctor, Megan Muhlstein, Kim Anderson, Olivia Jewell, ReNae Baxter

Assignments from last meeting:

The decision was made to not write an addendum to the budget. The teachers would like to subscribe to brain pop. Charles Hanosek will be key in getting us a great deal on it. Look to next year to rewrite it.

Agenda items:

1. SCHOOL SAFETY

- Safe walking route plan: Teresa Jordan feels the old plan needs to be updated with the most convenient and safest ways to get to and from school. This plan is not to impose on their own decision as to how to get to and from school. It is just a suggestion.
- Saddlebrook drive is a huge complaint: On average, 195 kids cross at the intersection of Saddlebrook and 500 W. As a school, we have no control over this. The city would have to hire for a crosswalk position. A meeting was held with the chief of police and parents so that parents were aware of the reality of the situation. In busier areas, a job position was posted and no one applied.
- Possible solutions:
 - ✓ Train students about possible safe walking routes
 - ✓ Have teachers help them cross the roads
 - ✓ Hand out safety tickets when done correctly
 - ✓ Have an officer come during our soar assembly
 - ✓ PTA helpers
 - ✓ Mom and dads who always walk their students...have them be a helpful eye/trainer
- Fire alarm:
 - Students have only practiced evacuating out to the back...what if we needed to evacuate to the front? School will practice/plan for a front evacuation.
 - Major gas pipe line with Dominion to the south of our school. Plan for action if there were ever a gas leak. Train students on what to do. Evacuate to the gym.

2. \$700 grant written by Teresa Jordan over the summer:

- Robotics – very successful will do another one in the Spring
- Suggestions as to how to use funds for more educational programs
 - Mathletes – no cost (4th – 6th only)
 - Programs that will be embedded in the day for anyone seeking an extra challenge/push
 - Something academic
 - “Gate” program suggested by Amber Proctor (Gifted and Talented Education)
 - “Odyssey of the Mind” – marketing a place in the world – kids create brochures, dress as the area they are marketing, get judged based on marketing. A suggestion was to get models from the past and pilot it for one session to see how it goes.
- Homework for the committee – keep eyes open for suggestions. What are other schools doing for gifted and talented students?

3. PTA:

- Marquee – Ryan Pitcher in the process of bidding to get the best/right one for our school. Will be individualized to students here.
 - Math problem of the week
 - Focusing on Character Ed winners
 - Way of communication with community better
 - Mascot could pop up once in a while
 - Need more interactive ideas
- January – will hold a meeting and announce open positions. This is also the buy one get one book fair month.
- Pay closer attention to teacher wish lists. Advertise it better
- Teresa Jordan congratulated the PTA on jobs WELL DONE. They are amazing.

4. Arts being implemented:

- “Gains” currently underway with training teachers.
- Go over this next time to see if there is anything else we can add to school improvement