

Emerson Elementary Eagles



School Community Council Meeting Minutes March 13, 2019 SLC Library – Marmalade Branch 5:30 PM

Welcome/Introductions

Attendance: April Reynolds, Summer Pelton, Deb Kofford, Janna Finerfrock, Allison Nicholson, Crystal Young-Otterstrom, Felix Vazquez, Randall McCracken, Suyin Chong, Monica Carlson, Lee Norton, Lori Swenson, Cameron Cova.

Principal's Report

- April reported on the budget – we have a little bit of technology money available
- The District hosted a teacher professional development this month. There was a District group in the morning and one at Emerson in the afternoon.
- Some Emerson students participated in the Cesar Chavez art competition, with 2 kids moving onto the next level.
- There was a ME club with food donated from Habit Burger for kids selected for having good behavior.

SIC Report

- The SIC has not met this month. They will meet next week.

PTA Report

- PTA is working on Art night. PTA is handling the bake sale but the teachers do much of the work for the event.
- The PTA is hosting a movie night as part of Health Month.
- They decided not to charge for yearbooks.

Discuss / Vote on Land Trust Plan draft

April met with the representative from Playworks yesterday. She calculated the cost of the Interventionist position, working 29.5 hours, non-contract. She also incorporated hours for paraprofessional support. The goals will be based on a 10% increase in proficiency on end-of-level, and state tests, and also Kindergarten's readiness assessment for 1st grade.

The plan also incorporates a behavioral component, where the teachers will be trained in the Playworks program. It costs \$7,000 for a single school to implement this, but if multiple schools sign up, it can decrease the cost. Two other schools may be interested in joining with us so that the cost would be \$5,000.

Committee members asked if we would have enough money to purchase equipment if needed, and if other schools' LAND Trust Plans called for using Playworks. April said there would be enough money from other accounts, if needed, to cover any needed equipment associated with Playworks. She had not been able to find other schools in the district using their LAND Trust money to purchase Playworks specifically. Other schools may have used other funds, such as Title 1 funds, to purchase Playworks.

Final Review of Safe Walking Route (SNAP), due April 1, 2019

April reviewed the Safe Walking Route, which includes the location of the crosswalks, crossing guards, and stop signs/lights are. It also shows the safe walking routes, as determined where the crosswalks and crossing guards are located. The committee discussed the plan and provided input and recommendations

Schedule (esp. the loss of fall break)

April reported that we have a snow makeup day, which will be the Friday before Memorial Day.

The Committee discussed the proposed school calendars from the District. There are three options; all three eliminate the fall break, the winter break is shorter, and some end before Memorial Day. The Committee seemed to be leading toward liking Option 2 the most.

Teacher Survey

Crystal reminded everyone to take the District's SCC Survey that was emailed today. Many committee members reported that they had already taken the survey.

The Committee discussed the Educator Evaluation Survey that comes from the District and the fact that it is not easily-accessible to students. Crystal is going to add this to a list of questions to talk to Heather Bennett. She will communicate that parents are concerned and want this to be administered in an easier and more accessible format.

Safety (also evacuation priorities)

The Committee member who raised this issue was not present, so the Committee tabled it until the next meeting. April reported that they did meet with the SL Police Department, and have ongoing discussions with them.

Parent Compact due May 5, 2019

April shared Emerson's Student/Parent/School Compact. It is posted on the website. It is not required for the school to have everyone sign it, but the Committee reviewed it and asked April questions.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

The next meeting will be Wednesday April 10, 2019, 5:30 PM at the Emerson Library.