Community Council

May 10, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Principal Ardizzone, Britanie Williams, Natalie Belnap, Melissa Davis, Denise Little, Lauren Hunter, Mike Meyers, Sarah Schenck

1. Opened the meeting with a review of the April 12, 2022 minutes. Lauren Hunter motioned to approve the minutes and Mike Meyers seconded the motion.
2. School Projects:
   1. 5K – There was an amazing turnout on race day! The teachers really got involved with the packet pick-ups and race support. In all the event raised around $33,500 and kept expensed to around $7000 so the net funds raised was around $26,500! The principal is working on a plan to distribute those funds which will include: classroom and teaching supplies, field trips, PE equipment, science program support, library support, etc. He will share that plan once it is finalized.
   2. Science Night – This event was well attended! There were a lot of activities around for students and families to play with. The chess boards were a big hit among others. Well done Morgan and Ike!
   3. Courtyard/Garden – Again this was another great community event with lots of participation, over 140 people came to help out! Funds from the PTA covered all the cost and all the work was completed. They are just waiting on the drip systems before they plant anything. Thank you Denise Little, FoodScapes Utah, Science Specialists, and other volunteers for all your efforts and planning to make this happen!
   4. Summer Project: Outdoor classroom is still in the works; we are still working on gaining access for the cleanup of the space. More to come!
3. President Elect: Natalie Belnap accepted the nomination to be the next Community Council Chair. Eric Hall, who was absent, had verbally accepted the nomination of Vice Chair in the presence of the principal. All council members present voted “Yea” to approve Natalie as Chair and Eric as Vice Chair.
4. School Results: The students’ scores this year really showed a lot of growth in proficiency! In Language Arts we had an increase of 5-6% (as a comparison, SVE has stayed level or increase by 2-3% in the past 10-12 years). In Science we increased by 5-6% as well. We are still waiting on the results for Math. The data shows that we had 20-23% proficiency growth (meaning 20-23% of the students moved up a level)! The data is posted on the Utah State Board of Education website in the Data Gateway. The principal encouraged everyone to have some fun diving into the data and see how much growth we have achieved!
5. Staffing: We briefly discussed the plans and needs for staffing for next year. We have already had about 65 kindergarteners register and are expecting that number to increase to 90 students by the time school starts in the fall. The school currently has positions open for a Kindergarten and 2nd grade teacher. There are still parent concerns about only having 3 classes for the upcoming 6th graders, however, the 6th grade teachers are looking forward to having full classrooms compared to this year’s small graduating class.
6. Highlights from this year:
   1. It was great to have parents back in the classrooms! There was a definite increase in parent involvement compared to the pandemic years. We hope that trend will continue as we are allowed to host more community events.
   2. Our two new science specialists were great additions. They really helped to boost the science and engineering program, as well as, excitement with the students and community.
   3. The PTA board did a remarkable job with all the programs they put together this year! They made a huge impact with a skeleton crew and we are so grateful for their dedication to our students and staff. Thank you!

With all the agenda items covered and no more questions Britanie Williams motioned to adjourn and Mike Meyers seconded the motion. Stay safe and enjoy your summer break!