

Community Council

Nov 9, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Principal Ardizzone, Britanie Williams, Melissa Davis, Mike Meyer, Sarah Schenck, David Ruth (District), Nancy Blair (School Board), Holy Tremble (FoodScaping Utah), Denice Little

1. Opened the meeting with a review of the Oct 12, 2021 minutes. Britanie Williams motioned to approve the minutes and Sarah Schenck seconded the motion.
2. School Safety Plan - Britanie sent out an email on.... To the council members with the details from a conversation with Daniel Gillies at the city. Basically, the bottom of Wasatch Dr. does not warrant a crossing guard because there is already a stop sign there to stop traffic. The lower parking lot vehicle congestion could be improved with an update to the school's SNAP plan and parent letter to make drivers aware of the desired behavior. Also, the City is willing to install a "Right Turn Only" during drop-off and pick-up hours for the lower parking lot driveway. We talked about having a teacher at the driveway of the lower parking lot to direct students to use the crossing guard or walk down to Old Post Road and discourage students from crossing east across 1500E. Melissa Davis said she would be happy to work up a teaching rotation for this duty. Mike Meyer is going to draft up a letter to send out to parents and Britanie Williams is going to create an image with the preferred driving route for picking up and dropping off.
3. Environmental Specialist Update - We have finally made some progress on hiring a part-time specialist and a full-time staff assistant! Both individuals have strong backgrounds in the environment sciences and teaching positions.
 - a. Mr. Ardizzone has also reached out to FoodScaping Utah to get them involved with our outdoor gardens. Holly Tremble was here to present their program to the council. They are a local food sustainability group that has already worked with other schools in the Ogden area. They are a volunteer organization that's joined up with the USU program to teach student sustainable gardening practices. They are looking forward to working with our students.
 - b. Mr. Ardizzone has also talked to the school district to get the courtyard cleaned-up and ready for students to start using in the spring.

- c. We are still working on access issues with the lower outdoor classroom (fenced pond area behind the school). But with the new hires and partnerships we've made we are hopeful to get this area up and running.
4. Reading Intervention - Two of our current assistants came to the principal with some ideas on how to improve our Early Reading Interventions (ERI). Both already have training in advanced reaching fluency programs or Utah Reading Clinic (URC) and would like to implement this into their instruction. To be able to reach more kids in K-2nd grade that are in need of this instruction their hours were increased by 2 hours each. There is also another assistant that is completing interventions based on the Lexia reports.
5. PTA Update -
 - a. The November Read-A-Thon is going well. Students are working hard to get reading minutes each night. We've had lots of positive feedback from the teachers and students.
 - b. The PTA is in need of a new president for next year. The individual that had accepted the position is ineligible due to being employed part time at Shadow Valley already. Please help us spread the word and/or let us know if you know someone that would be able to accept this position.
 - c. PBS has a reading challenge going on for the month of November and we are encouraging students to submit all their minutes at the end of the month.
6. Community Council Training: We watched a training video (link is in the agenda) on the Health and Safety Concerns for the council. The legislature has asked community councils to be involved with the health and safety concerns at their school. Three main topics were identified: 1) Digital Citizenship 2) School Safety 3) Positive Behaviors. Councils should be aware of the current plans and processes in place, identify areas that need improvement, and develop plans to provide the improvements identified. Data gathering and planning should be done in the fall and plans should be developed and ready to implement after winter break. We discussed each of the three areas and how each area is being addressed.
 - a. Digital Citizenship - SVE has invested in an online program that can be shown in the classrooms to teach kids how to be safe on the internet. It also has an internet filtering system installed and managed by the district to keep kids safe while on the internet at school.
 - b. School Safety - We have identified issues with the school drop-off and pick-up procedures and are in the process of addressing those issues.
 - c. Positive Behaviors - This topic can cover a broad spectrum from substance abuse, to social and emotional support, as well as scholastic achievement.

SVE faculty and staff have an impressive number of resources and programs that they are currently using to help address and promote positive behaviors. Some of these programs are: Top 200 - an award-based program for our top achievers; 2nd Steps - addresses bullying, being respectful, and responsible; Panorama - helps to identify the source or reason behind poor behavior and has lessons for teachers and behavior specialist to work with to address issues and provide support on an individual or class bases. Behavior interventions and support for struggling students is a top priority at the school.

With all the agenda items covered and no more questions Britanie Williams motioned to adjourn and Mike Meyers seconded the motion. Our next meeting will be Dec. 14th, 2021 at 4pm.