Community Council

April 20, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Principal Ardizzone, Britanie Williams, Lauren Hunter, Natalie Belnap

* Opened by reviewing and approving last month’s minutes. Principal Ardizzone motioned to approve the minutes and Britanie Williams seconded the motion.
* School Updates –
  + Recycling center – Our recycling center has been improved! New bins and labeling have been added to help students get excited about recycling. It’s worth a visit if you’re at the school!
  + Science Fair – a number of our students that moved on to the State level won awards! Certificates, medals, and money will be handed out to the winners. Their achievements will be shared through the school and posted online.
  + 1K fun walk/run – The school is going to host a fun walk/run on May 13 during school hours to promote unity, healthy lifestyles, and just fun! It will be done throughout the day and either as grades or individual classes. London Moesinger will organize the event with the help of volunteers and organizers from the Ogden City Marathon. The Ogden City Marathon will also be a sponsor with finish line booths and goodies. America First Credit Union will again sponsor this event with a financial donation. There will be no fundraising from parents or the community, the goal is just give the kids an opportunity to get back to traditional activities and to allow all students to participate.
  + Kindergarten Round-up – So far there are 66-70 new kindergartener students signed up for next year. No new out-of-boundary exceptions have been accepted due to this class size. The school expects this number to go up over the summer and in the fall as school begins.
  + Second Steps Program – The teachers have been more engaged in the Second Steps Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) program this year. This program helps students and teachers identify and address social and emotional needs. Students are given the opportunity to reflect on how they feel at school through surveys. That data is collected and extensive reviewed by the staff. Areas of concern are then identified and corrective measures are selected and implements. The Principal walked us through one example from the latest survey. Once an issue was identified the program provides a number of lesson plans and activities to do in the classroom to build awareness and educate the students on how to work through their concerns.

This program will help our children gain a sense of belonging in their school and classmate. The goal is to help them feel like there is a support network for not just their scholastic achievements but also for their holistic well-being.

* + AVID – The school is still planning to analyze this systems effectiveness. The overall goal is to provide the students with a self-driven organization system that will help them through the 7-12 grade school years, and beyond. The schools currently feels like they can develop a system that builds those organization skills without the high price tag. Also, there is a lot of the AVID system that the school is not utilizing due to time/training constraints on the teachers.
* School Plan –
  + https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o5nBqC3AZe7baPAzXAKwiAsQLmZJY-XqDGkg bTJ4KB4/edit

If this link is not working, please open the agenda on the school’s Community Council page for the link. The Principal will have to grant you access after you request it through the link. Please take some time to look over the proposed School Plan. The board at the district is in their review and approval stage now. Once they approve it, we as a council will need to vote and approve it. NOW is the time to review it and provide any feedback to the Principal! This is one of the major purposes of the council so your active participation is greatly appreciated! Please watch for the digital signature emails that will come in the next week or so. Again, if you have comments, please get them to the Principal before the next week, let’s say April 27.

The plan includes:

* Adding resources/instructors for our below grade level readers.
* Additional resource for our Science program. We have proposed our very own SEEDS Standards to provide some benchmarks on how we teach the discovery and research process. The State and District have talked about developing a SEEDS standard for the sciences; however, this past year has redirected resource to working through the COVID issues. Shadow Valley decided to taking the reins and developed our own standards to align our curriculum with our Environmental Science designation. The goal is to get students more engaged and involved by asking the questions and taking the lead to find the answers. Funding will go towards providing our own specialist to support and train our teachers. A co-teaching or side-by-side approach will be taken to help provide the most engaging and supportive environment.
* Digital Citizenship – Shadow Valley would like to improve its internet safety education program. To do this we will adopt the district provided Digital Citizenship lesson program. This program will provide 6-7 grade-level based lessons about internet safety. This program is appealing because it spreads the information out over time and keeps the information flowing to the students. The lessons can be repeated throughout the year as desired.
* Summer Plan – There are a number of new and exciting things planned for this summer!
  + Summer School - the school is working on having an early soft start for kids that are testing below grade level and need a boost before regular school begins. The plan is to have a 2-3 hour, in school, lessons for struggling students from Aug 2 – Aug 12.
  + U of U reading clinic – The school has reached out to the UofU to provide a reading clinic for 1st and 2nd grade students that are struggling with reading at no charge for the parents! It is an online program that students can login to and receive this additional instruction to bridge their reading gaps. The program is available to upper grades as well for a registration and enrollment fee.
  + Library access in August. The school is working on providing an early opening for the school library in August for students to check books out before school starts. The library has been able to greatly expand its STEM books collection and are excited to share those with the students!
* Adjourn – Britanie Williams motioned to adjourn and Natalie Belnap seconded it.
* Next Meeting: May 11, 2021