

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
November 28th, 2016
5:30-6:30 pm
Riley Library

In attendance: Heather Bennett, Shawna Govero, Sarah, Farah, Hannah Pogue, Bosco Baluku, Fatna, Christi Paulson, Ronald Urbin, Julia Waldroup, Jim Martin, Mark Thomas, Stephanie Mora, Jose Garcia, Irma Quiroz, Maria Gomez, Angelica Estrada, Evangelina Vieyral, Ana Evangelista, Maria Mendoza, Chris Mitchener.

The meeting started at 5:30pm.

Everyone was welcomed.

Dr. Martin announced that there will be a parent workshop later this week in response to a recommendation of the SCC. For the last couple of meetings, there had been SCC discussion about opportunities for parents to be trained in how to help their children academically. The thought is that parents could assist at home and at school as tutors. Workshops have been set up to provide families with this opportunity, the first being a reading workshop on December 2nd. Dr. Martin urged parents to give feedback about the workshops including the time they are offered.

Deborah Milan-Niler was excused. She will return to the January meeting to discuss health concerns. The topic was discussed anyway. SCC members requested that parents be notified concerning the availability of lice kits in the office, for families that are impacted. Parents are looking for information from the school about where impacted families can get help to address the issue of lice. It was also requested that the school have assemblies for students to help them be aware of ways to avoid the spread of lice. SCC members wondered if cases of lice were greater this year than in previous years. Dr. Martin offered to research this.

There was a great deal of discussion about uniforms. The policy dictates that changes to the uniform policy can be made by SCC after consideration of community input. The SCC decided to put forward a recommendation to add the color grey to the uniform policy. This color would not replace any other color but would just be an addition to the already-existing policy. SCC would like to look at survey data from the school community, so a survey will be sent home and collected before the January SCC meeting. There will also be a community meeting for parents to provide input about the uniform policy.

Kathleen Christy was not in attendance to talk about the equity plan.

District calendars for the next three years were considered. The differences were mainly in the start and end times of the school year. The SCC voted for option 1 for each of the next three years, which is pretty similar to the calendar we currently have (start time late August, longer winter break and spring breaks, school ending first week of June). This vote will be considered along with the votes from all schools in the district.

Parents commended the school for the soccer and athletics program that is now going for students. Dr. Martin said that Clarissa Weiss works at Riley as part of a physical education grant, and she is responsible for the program. Parents are happy with it.

Dr. Martin reminded everyone of family night, which will be held Tuesday November 29th at 6:00. The focus will be on math strategies that parents can use to help their children at home. There will also be a data meeting where parents can learn how we are doing as a school in math.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be Monday January 30th at 5:30 pm. Minutes by Jim Martin.