

East Meadows SCC Minutes

September 23, 2015

Start time- 11:30 am

Members of School Community Council who were in attendance: Principal Celeste Gledhill, Jamie Pintar, Alison Bennett, Charla Andersen, Aly Dart, Jill Perrins, Daliny Jones, Wendi Barton, and Kelly Cabrerros

Excused from meeting: Jana Kessinger

Parents: LaDawna Cherepovich

- 1. Welcome/Opening Statement**
- 2. Introductions and review contact info of council members.**
- 3. SCC meeting in November has been changed from November 18 to November 11th due to a schedule conflict.**
- 4. Jill Perrins nominated Kelly Cabrerros as chair. Daliny Jones second the nomination. Daliny Jones was nominated as co-chair by Kelly Cabrerros, and Aly Dart second the nomination.**
- 5. Follow up on recess before lunch schedule. After careful consideration and input from teachers, parents, and a parent committee, it was decided that our school could not put recess before lunch due to scheduling conflicts with our part time resource teachers. However, our school has implemented a rule that students must remain at their lunch table for 10 minutes before being excused to go to recess. Students are to sit at grade level table when eating lunch. This rule was put into place due to students not eating their lunch because they wanted to get to recess.**
- 6. Homework Study- LaDawna Cherepovich (parent) presented to the council research regarding homework. Is nightly/weekly homework appropriate at the elementary level? We will further discuss this topic next SCC meeting. As a council, we will decide if a parent committee should be formed to further explore the research regarding nightly homework.**
- 7. Reminder: SCC Training-October 21st 3:30 pm at the District office Board Room.**
- 8. Reminder: Next SCC meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 11:30 am in conference room at East Meadows.**

9. Questions, comments, or concerns- There were no other questions, comments, or concerns expressed.
10. Closing Statement- Meeting ended at 12:20 p.m.

Meeting ended 12:20 pm.

November 11, 2015

Start time- 11:30 am

Members of School Community Council who were in attendance: Principal Celeste Gledhill, Alison Bennett, Charla Andersen, Aly Dart, Jill Perrins, Daliny Jones, Wendi Barton, and Kelly Cabrerros.

Excused from meeting: Jamie Pintar

Parents: LaDawna Cherepovich

1. Welcome/Opening Statement
2. Review of September minutes.
3. Homework Discussion:
Last month LaDawna Cherepovich (parent) presented to the council research regarding homework. Her recommendation was to not assign homework. She presented research that giving homework would not improve academics. Council members were asked to research this on their own and report back during November's meeting.
 - Jill Perrins stated that she feels strongly that being educated is hard work. Kids need to put forth effort. It can't just be handed to them. She also stated that several parents had emailed her regarding homework. These parents have strong feelings and are for giving homework. However, homework needs to be appropriate and not just busy work.
 - Kelly Cabrerros posed the homework question via Facebook. An overwhelming response from parents and others that support homework and wants it to continue. However, caution that it should not be busy work.
 - Daliny Jones talked about our school having great teachers and great parent support. Her children do not have any trouble being successful in school. She stated that her high school son is surprised by the amount of work that is expected. She also said that kids who go to college need to be prepared to work.

- Aly Dart talked about the opportunity homework gives parents to learn the way that their kids are being taught. Practice beyond the classroom will make them better. She liken this to sports. In sports you must practice to be better and same goes with school.
 - Celeste Gledhill talked about the discussion she had with her teachers during faculty meeting. Teachers are reflecting on worthwhile homework vs. busywork.
 - LaDawna Cherepovich talked about homework needing to be meaningful and purposeful. She believes that parents are uninformed of the research and want homework because that is how it has always been done in the past. She wants teachers to be thoughtful about what is sent. She is also concerned with the number of spelling words.
4. Homework Vote: Elected council members voted on:
 - Keep homework as is
 - Implement Homework guidelines.
 - Participate in homework study
 - The votes were unanimous that we should keep homework as is.
 5. Assessment data discussion will be postponed until December's meeting.
 6. Homework Study- LaDawna Cherepovich (parent) presented to the council research regarding homework. Is nightly/weekly homework appropriate at the elementary level? We will further discuss this topic next SCC meeting. As a council, we will decide if a parent committee should be formed to further explore the research regarding nightly homework.
 7. Questions, comments, or concerns- There were no other questions, comments, or concerns expressed.
 8. Closing Statement- Kelly Cabrerros motioned the meeting to be adjourned and Jill Perrins seconded it.
 9. Meeting ended at 12:30 p.m.

December 16, 2015

Start time- 11:30 am

Members of School Community Council who were in attendance: Principal Celeste Gledhill, Jamie Pintar, Alison Bennett, Charla Andersen, Aly Dart, Jill Perrins, Daliny Jones, Wendi Barton, and Kelly Cabrerros.

Not in attendance: Jana Kessinger

- 1. Welcome/Opening Statement**
 - 2. Review of November minutes.**
 - LaDawna Cherepovich talked about homework needing to be meaningful and purposeful. She believes that parents are uninformed of the research and want homework because that is how it has always been done in the past. She wants teachers to be thoughtful about what is sent. She is also concerned with the number of spelling words. It was decided as a council that homework should be kept as is.**
 - 3. School Assessment Data Discussion**
 - This is the 3rd year taking the SAGE test**
 - We are looking for progress- How much progress is each group making**
 - Our school is a "B" grade and has to stay at a "B" for 2 years.**
 - DOK-(Depth of Knowledge) to think deeper.**
 - Teachers are adjusting their teaching to what is being asked on the test. The goal is to keep their instruction balanced.**
 - The state is now looking at the progress being made on the DIBELS test instead of only looking at the benchmark scores.**
 - See Attached graphs and charts for further explanation of school data.**
 - 4. Questions, comments, and/or concerns**
 - An email was sent home to remind parents of school safety especially during drop off and pick up times. Many parents appreciated the reminder.**
 - AmeriCorp has teamed up with the LDS church to help with volunteers at our school. They are still looking for more volunteers. They need about 20 volunteers to volunteer their time for 30 minutes twice a week.**
 - 5. Closing statement**
 - Jill Perrins motioned the meeting to be adjourned and Wendi Barton seconded it.**
 - 6. Meeting ended at 12:25**
- Reminder that next meeting will be January 20, 2016**

January 20, 2016

Start time- 11:30 am

Members of School Community Council who were in attendance: Principal Celeste Gledhill, Jamie Pintar, Alison Bennett, Charla Andersen, Aly Dart, Jill Perrins, Wendi Barton, and Kelly Cabrerros.

**** Not in attendance: Daliny Jones excused**

1. Welcome/Opening Statement

2. Review of December minutes.

- Review school assessment data

3. Trustlands

- We discussed the current year Trustlands budget and proposed and drafted a proposed budget for next school year's trustland plan. The biggest need will continue providing money for technology and AmeriCorp. Principal asked the members to continue thinking about where the money should be allocated and we would continue the conversation next month.
- Aly Dart suggested having a technician float around from class to class to help with classrooms so the teachers can work with our at-risk students and provide more interventions.
- Jana Kessinger would like to do a practice trial with volunteers in the 5th grade to allow for more 1:1 with at-risk students.
- Jill Perrins asked if our school would continue with the After School Robotics program. It costs approximately \$1700. The funds come from Trustlands money.

4. 5th grade Intervention group.

- 5th grade teachers will create a schedule for the month of February. Each teacher will take a day each week to plan a mini lesson to help with approximately 12 students throughout the 5th grade. The members of the SCC have volunteered to come in one half hour each week to work with classes so the teachers can implement an intervention group.
- Closing statement: Kelly Cabrerros motioned the meeting to be adjourned and Wendi Barton seconded it.
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5. Meeting ended at 12:30 **Reminder that next meeting will be January 20, 2016**

February 17, 2016

Start time- 11:30 am

Members of School Community Council who were in attendance: Principal Celeste Gledhill, Jamie Pintar, Alison Bennett, Charla Andersen, Aly Dart, Jill Perrins, Wendi Barton, and Kelly Cabrerros, Daliny Jones

**** Not in attendance: Jana Kessinger excused**

1. Welcome/Opening Statement

2. Review of January minutes.

- **We discussed the current year Trustlands budget and proposed and drafted a proposed budget for next school year's trustland plan. The biggest need will continue providing money for technology and AmeriCorp. Principal asked the members to continue thinking about where the money should be allocated and we would continue the conversation next month.**
- **Aly Dart suggested having a technician float around from class to class to help with classrooms so the teachers can work with our at-risk students and provide more interventions.**
- **Jana Kessinger would like to do a practice trial with volunteers in the 5th grade to allow for teachers to do interventions with the students who are not understanding the topic being taught.**
- **Jill Perrins expressed concern about the Robotics program after school. Is it worth spending \$1700 from Trustlands money on just a small population of students?**

3. Charla Andersen updated the council members on the "Re-Teach Trial" in 5th grade.

- **5th grade teachers felt that the "Re-Teaching Trial" was super positive. The kids enjoyed the smaller groups with the teachers. The 5th grade teachers rotated each turns during the week re-teaching students. 12 students were able to get interventions each day. (Approx. 3 per class)**
- **Beginning next year, teachers will be able to do small group interventions with students who are not understanding what is being taught. Math interventions will be taught two days a week and reading interventions 3 days/week.**

4. **Questions, comments, and concerns**
 - Jill Perrins asked if there is a guideline for going out to recess when the temperature is so low and air quality is poor. The answer to that question is if the temperature is above 32 degrees and air quality is yellow or green the kids are expected to go outside. Asthmatic students can stay in during yellow air quality days.
 - Aly Dart expressed a big concern about drop off and pick up before and after school. Too many parents are parking their cars in the drop off zone and going in to the building.
 - As a council, we discussed possible solutions to Aly's concern.

5. **Closing Statement:** Kelly Cabreros motioned the meeting to be adjourned and Daliny Jones seconded it.
Meeting ended at 12:25 pm

March 23, 2016

Start time- 11:30 am

Members of School Community Council who were in attendance: Principal Celeste Gledhill, Jamie Pintar, Alison Bennett, Charla Andersen, Aly Dart, Jill Perrins, Wendi Barton, and Kelly Cabreros, Daliny Jones, Jana Kessinger

1. **Welcome/Opening Statement**

2. **Review of February Meeting minutes.**

3. **School Safety**
 - **John Loveless, Administration Intern, was given the assignment to observe the student body during drop off and pick up. After several days of observation, Mr. Loveless created a plan to remind students and parents about safety during these times.**
 - **Mr. Loveless took each class on a safety tour and did a presentation on how to be safe during drop off and pick up times. He showed the students a safe walking route to the school from various access points.**
 - **A parent letter was sent home via Parent Link about school safety and about his observations during drop off and pick up.**
 - **Mr. Loveless created safe walking routes using a map of the school boundaries.**
 - **Mr. Loveless suggested that we take the students on seasonal safety tours so they know what to do when there is ice, snow, or rain.**

- **Mr. Loveless expressed his concern about the Kids Count bus that drops off and picks up several students. He is concerned that the bus drives too fast in the bus loading zone.**
- **Mr. Loveless suggested that Kindergarten pick-up be moved to the front of the school by the flag pole to alleviate the congestion on the south end of the school by the kindergarten doors.**
- **There will be a lockdown drill on March 31st. Teachers and students are aware of this drill and have been discussing what to do during the drill.**

4. Review Trustlands:

- **As a council, we finalized the Trustlands budget and allocated the money to the different areas of need.**

5. Questions, comments, and concerns

- **There were no questions, comments, or concerns**

6. Closing Statement: Kelly Cabrerros motioned the meeting to be adjourned and Daliny Jones seconded it.

Meeting ended at 12:25 pm