

Community Council meeting minutes 11/09/2022 at 3:15pm

Attendees:

- Brandy Hamstra
- Crystal Applegate
- Mrs. Ryan
- Mrs. Andrews
- Mrs. McClure
- Diana Adamson

*Discussed needing to assign a member to go to the District Community Council meetings. Crystal volunteered, and Brandy agreed to be back up as needed.

*Discussed use of Land Trust Funds and what next years budget looks like. Last year all of these funds plus went to our Aides, and para-educators. We have 5-6 for the whole school currently. These people are invaluable to the teachers and struggling students. These children are identified by Diebels scores and visual assessments.

*Watched video on Creating a Plan for the Community Council- Which went over how to determine how the funds should be used, evaluation, development of an action plan, and/or reviewing and tweaking existing plan. How the funds should be used, and on what items. Strictly school-workbooks, study skills, classroom equipment, this I not for security etc. Plans need to be completed and submitted to be reviewed by the board of education. Progress must be noted and sharing of success stories is key.

New plans are submitted in March

One of the things that came out of last years is the Computer Science Grant- This is currently being trained to the teachers, it allows kids to learn to create code robots. Allows the kids to utilize their critical thinking skills, problem solving and teamwork. We need to market this technology, and ensure more people are aware of how amazing this is for our school and children.

- Send out more info on the PTA Facebook site, or Bulletin and weekly memos? Jane stated more information will go out on this after the 18th when most of the teacher training has been completed. Talked about how nice it would be to add pictures of the teachers in training.

*Discussed issues with Amira headphones. How to better store and label so they don't get broken and stay for 1 kid use at a time. Jane stated she would talk to the teachers about storage options. We also talked about how this has not been helpful for the younger kids, as the words did not have pictures

listed for those that are not at the higher reading level. We found out that they just added pictures back to be with each word.. Great win for the younger crowd to be able to utilize.

*Watched a video on the additional responsibilities of the Community Council. – Why it is so important to be transparent, and that all members with contact information are posted. What all is needed to be notated in the meeting minutes, and agenda. No formal action can be taken in these meetings unless it is listed on the agenda.

*Discussed safe walking route, and that this needs to be reviewed. This information goes to the local police, so that they can move crosswalks etc. as needed to help keep kids safe on their route.

*Discussed digital safety technology. There are reports that can be reviewed that detail out data. We should be reviewing these reports to see if any changes or additional information needs to go out. We have a technology person going into each classroom and discussing digital responsibilities. They are not doing the Net Smart assemblies anymore, but Jane to discuss if we can forward out a YouTube link to parents to review with their students at home?

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