

Community Council Meeting minutes 3/8/2023 at 3:15pm

Attendees:

- Brandy Hamstra
- Crystal Applegate
- Mrs. Andrews
- Mrs. McClure
- Nicole McDermett-

-Discussion as to whom Nicole is, and how she represents us as a School Board Member. We want to ensure she is included in meeting minutes recap and invites.

-Went over the tentative staffing plans for 2023-2024 school year.

-Number of “projected” students for next year divided by 27.25 to get projected teachers number. We discussed how we could possibly adjust the bigger classes. Example, this years 4th grade is extremely large for 1 class. Discussion about how they could have 1 teacher more specialized in specific subjects teach multiple grades to offset some of the numbers. That way the students are not impacted, and the teachers are not so overwhelmed. We have 2 less teachers this next school year. However, with retirements happening, no teachers are having to be let go. The projection is around 396 kids for 2023-2024 school year. This year we have 417 kids, so the projection should be fairly close.

-Additional discussion had on having 2 Kindergarten full day classes available. All pending approval from the governor. Possible to have to full day classes, and those parents that do not want their Kindergarten aged child to be in full day class, there is the possibility to teach the stronger academics subjects in the morning, let those littles leave for the day if needed/wanted.

-Inside/Outside Days- We discussed that there is currently no policy in place outlining this information. We agreed that if it feels like 22 degrees or below, it will be an inside day. If there is snow or heavy rain, or a higher precipitation, they will also keep the kiddos inside.

-STEAM Night- 3/21 from 5:30-7:30pm. Fun night coming up where kids can join in Science, Tech, Math, art etc. They will each receive a punch card, so that they can visit each different station. Kids will have the opportunity to earn tokens throughout the evening. Book fair, art and lots of fun along with refreshments.

-Parent Help(Volunteers)- We need to spread the word that volunteers are very badly needed to help out with the different fun activities going on with the school. You do not need to be part of the PTA to help out. Reach out to other parents in the area to see if anyone wants to volunteer.

-Land Trust Funds- We discussed the use for our Para Educators again for this next coming year. How they are able to help out with the struggling students as well as those gifted.

-Discussion regarding to the other schools closing down this year, and the redistribution of students. It does not sound like our school will be impacted by this. These are schools on the East Side.

-Additional discussion had regarding the grading system and how it affects or coincides with higher education. Concern was raised about study time not being sufficient to prepare our children for High School/College Courses. How we want the grade to reflect what the kid actually knows. PBL is more based on the final grade, vs the work actually being completed. Discussion about how teachers need to assist those that struggle and parents should be able to see this on the report cards now. Additional sections that detail out Accountability etc. If parents have concerns, they should go to the teacher, principal or higher if needed. We want to ensure our children understand repercussions of incomplete assignments being important just as much as the testing grades.

End of meeting 4:00pm