

Driggs Elementary School Community Council Meeting on 10/9/2023

Cameron calls the meeting into session at 7:47am

Motion to accept the meeting notes from last session. Seconded by Paul.

Paul asked if the meeting notes should be available to parents? A parent had asked for notes from the last session. The answer is yes, but the meeting notes should be approved at the next session before they are made public.

Mr. Khater mentioned that the district is pushing that schools do not use any land trust funds for faculty or staff. This has been done in the past sometimes, but no more going forward. He also noted that funding for 2023 has already been set and that this community council is responsible for setting funding for 2024.

Next item of business on the agenda from Cameron is parent and community involvement in what the community council is doing and informing people. Many parents don't know what community council and what we do.

- Mr. Khater suggested creating a short video about what community council does and how it is not like the school board. He also noted that the district has many resources.
- Ms. Baer noted that when it comes time to elect parents to the community council it can be difficult because most don't know what it does.
- Community council members can invite neighbors to come to a meeting
- Mr. Khater offered to send out an email to parents to invite them to come.
- Guests are welcome to community council meetings including parents, district leaders, and PTA. Paul noted that last year there were several guests that attended in support of the Lincoln Lane stop sign.

Next item of business on the agenda from Cameron is safe walking routes.

- Cameron said this is one of the responsibilities of the community council and something that we can turn into UDOT. Also, parent input can be helpful.
- Cameron noted the community council does not have direct involvement in bike racks. Many bikes are stashed by the north field gate for the day and can be a problem for safe walking in that area even though there is a bike rack on the north side of the school. Also, bikes need to be on the school side, not the neighborhood side. We can work with the PTA to get a grant for a bike rack by the north field gate, but one problem is snow removal of the sidewalk. Ms. Baer suggested that we work with kids to have them walk their bikes up the sidewalk to the existing bike rack. Elliot volunteered to research the cost of a bike rack.
- Ms. Baer noted that although we have a closed campus, it seems to be very open. Mr. Khater noted that every school in the state got some money as a grant to make school campuses safer and the district wants to do better at having closed campuses. One of the things that school is currently working on is adding gates to the entrances by the north field and south field by the church. Another item being worked on is residential access gates to the school property, which is illegal; they need to be blocked or locked from the school side during school hours.
- Dogs should not be on campus. If a dog attacks a student it's not the schools liability. Dog owner can be charged with trespassing and burglary.

Next item of business on the agenda from Cameron is parents unexpectedly showing up to community council meetings. It's okay for parents to show up and listen and participate. However, for people who have agenda items those items need to be added to the agenda before the meeting. So, how can we get that message out to parents? Mr. Khater offered to reach out to the PTA to see if they have a calendar. Paul noted that someone from the PTA usually came last year. Mr. Khater said like anyone, the PTA needs to contact us before the meeting to have agenda items added.

Final item of business on the agenda from Cameron is the checkpoint calendar and make sure items with deadlines are discussed in the meeting before the deadline. Mr. Khater noted that the panorama survey results come out today for 3-5 grade. Middle of the year benchmark testing will be another big benchmark. Open enrollment for next year starts in November.

Cameron makes a motion to end the meeting and Paul seconded the motion.