

**Eisenhower Jr. High**  
School Community Council  
October 14, 2020  
Media Center, 3:15 p.m.

In attendance:

Andra Taylor- parent	Jason Troff- parent
Hillary Dalton- secretary, parent	Dave Andrews- parent
Maria Miles- District community council, parent	Laura Dieckmann- parent
Mark Ellermeier- principal	Danielle Pugh- parent
Betsy Valora- chairperson, school employee, parent	Dave Young- parent
Tere Gerber- school counselor	Lori Milligan-Gear-up coordinator
Merri Rygg- parent	Christina Anderson- teacher
Sabrina Perkins- PTSA president, parent	Rebecca Ibarra- assistant principal

Betsy welcomed everyone to the community council meeting and had everyone introduce themselves. She asked for any nominees for Chairperson, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. Tere Gerber nominated Betsy Valora to be chairperson again. The motion was seconded by Maria Miles. Betsy nominated Hillary Dalton to be secretary again. The motion was seconded by Andra Taylor. Betsy nominated Tere Gerber to be vice-chair and Hillary seconded the motion. Betsy asked for a vote for each of these nominations and they all passed unanimously.

Mr. Ellermeier gave us an update on the use of Trustlands money. The school was allotted \$409,496 for the school year 2020-2021. Mr. Ellermeier explained that paraprofessional and aides are vital and is where the majority of Trustlands money is spent. This year Trustlands went toward paying the salary of two full-time teachers, to keep class sizes low, in addition to paying for aides.

This is a unique and challenging year. There are currently 327 distance learning students out of the 1107 enrolled. It has been difficult for teachers to coordinate distance learning and in-person classes. The school has purchased swivel cameras so that most of the teachers can record their lessons and put them on canvas for the distance learners to watch the entire lesson and do the same assignments as the in-person students. The administration and faculty have been impressed with students following directions and wearing masks. Overall discipline needs are down. Students have realized that school is a privilege.

Betsy will send the Community Council training videos for each of us to enjoy before we meet again.

The TSSA grant is money from the state that the school gets each year. This year Eisenhower will receive \$140,379. The community council is not involved with approving how this money is spent but Mr. Ellermeier graciously shared with us how he plans to spend it. About \$24,000 will cover additional aides, \$39,749 will be spent on 20 teachers being able to attend an AVID conference, at \$2,000 each, \$5,000 will be spent on library book and the rest will be used to buy extra periods from teachers to decrease class sizes.

Tere Gerber gave us a counseling center update; they will be conducting college readiness interview for 8<sup>th</sup> graders in November. The school will be adding 12 periods for second semester.

The next meeting will be held on November 11, 2020 at 3:15 p.m. in the media center.