

## Eisenhower Community Council Meeting

May 10, 2023

### Attendees:

Wes Cutler- Principal

Lily Talekai- PTA President/Parent

Bonnie Barret- Teacher/Parent

Hillary Dalton- Secretary/Parent

Tere Gerber- Counselor/Vice Chair

Brittany Kessler- Parent

Ashley George- Chair/Parent

Alison Gosh- Vice Principal

- Mr. Cutler gave us a budget update. Each school receives additional money from these three resources: Land Trust (which community council votes on each year), ESSER (COVID money from the government), and TSSA. The land trust budget for next year will be \$143,382. Most of this money will be used for two science teachers. The ESSER funds will end this coming year. This year we have spent all of the ESSER money on updating our student chrome books. The school will receive about \$220,000 from this source. The school will be using some of this money to pay a Para to pull attendance every day and contact each absent student/their parent every day to try to increase attendance. There will also be an attendance committee, made up of staff members. The month of April attendance was at 85.5%. We would really like to get to 90%. TSSA allotment has not been assigned but has, in previous years, paid for part of a psychologist.
- Eisenhower currently has 1090 students. We are projected at 966 students which means we will lose 2 staff member positions unless we can supplement their income with some of the above-mentioned monies. There are plans to reduce by one English teacher, one science teacher, .25 choir teacher, .5 health (by having current teachers teach this class).
- There are several staff openings for the 2023-2024. We need a 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math teacher, a theatre/drama teacher, DLI/ 6<sup>th</sup> grade, a SPED para and .5 Health teacher.
- Some school policies will be changing next year. District wide, school attendance will be auto populated. Teachers will not be able to excuse your student. Parents MUST excuse their child within 2 weeks of an absence. It will affect their PBL Citizenship grade. It will be counting towards their ability to walk at graduation. There will be additions to the dress code, including drawing on faces with markers.
- The new electronic policy will include eliminating the \$10.00 fine. There will be a contract at the beginning of the year that all students will sign. This will be their warning. If they are "caught" with their cell phones it will be taken away.
- There will be a \$50.00 fine for fighting this next year. Filming a fight can and will result in a suspension of up to 3 days. There will also be consequences for not reporting fights, including if you have knowledge beforehand and fail to report.
- The district will be using the app Catapult to better inform parents of needed information in case of a natural disaster or schoolwide emergency.
- Parents will be receiving a survey this summer as part of a culture goal. Please take the time to take it.