

Hillsdale School Community Council 2020-2021

MINUTES – March 4, 2021

Present at meeting: Monica Thayer, Kim Kjar, Mary Cortes, Tatiana Fetzer, Sara Lopez

1. Introduction of members.
2. If anyone would like to serve on the SCC in the 2021-2022 school year we would love participation and support. We have had two active members this year and are seeking two more active members.
3. LAND Trust plan established by last year's council reviewed. School was given \$83,040 dollars and planned to pay for half a teacher's salary, pay for paras (teacher's aides) to assist teachers and work with students in small groups, and hire a Spanish para to help in Spanish DLI classrooms. These expenditures were to improve school achievement: (the percentage of students reading on grade level, achievement on RISE state assessments, and achievement on Granite Benchmarks in math and English Language Arts. Hillsdale reading data at the middle of the year shows an increase from 31% to 52% of students who are making good progress. We are very proud of this gain! If there is any leftover money at the end of the year, the SCC agrees that the school will purchase Chromebooks for devices that are almost out of date so students and teachers have new, working technology.
4. Next year's LAND Trust plan will continue to pay for a teacher's salary and pay for paras to assist teachers and student in small groups in order to meet our school's goals for increased student growth and achievement. We will make gains in reading and on the state RISE end of year assessment. In addition, we will help students who are learning English gain mastery of the language. Hillsdale will be allotted \$81,865.03 in the 2021-2022 school year. Any additional money will be spent on additional paraprofessionals or purchasing new, needed Chromebooks.
5. In January's meeting, the council discussed the need for increased extra-curricular and enrichment activities for Hillsdale students. In the 2021-2022 school year, the school will use TSSA (Teacher Student Success Act) money to pay stipends for teachers and other trusted adults to offer before and after school activities for students. The council is excited for activities to be offered to their children to help keep them active and physically and emotionally healthy and happy.
6. Enrollment – Hillsdale enrollment is down slightly from previous years. With a smaller student enrollment, the school is allotted less teachers. Our staffing plan is to use school funds to have 4 teachers at each grade level in grades 1-6, with 3 teachers in kindergarten. We will also try to hire an additional teacher to help students who are learning English and need additional support.
7. Meeting adjourned at 10:35am.

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Meetings: 9:30am in Parent Center

November 12, 2020

January 21, 2021

March 4, 2021

May 4, 2021
