

Community Council Meeting

Kennedy Jr High

April 10, 2018 3:15 PM

In attendance: Mary Anne Stevens, Andrew Anthony, Cynthia Turner, Margaret Owens, Brenda Shamo, Christie Rasmussen, Deborah Burkholder, Katie Allen.

Welcome: Brenda Shamo

Approved Mar minutes: Motion: Anthony Second: Rasmussen all in favor

Current Plan (2016-2017): The money that is still left in the current plan is going to be used for the new binders with the school logo and supplies inside. There is still some stipend money that will be distributed for teachers that have been to monthly meetings regarding our goals. Should be paid in May. Lastly we had to move some money to cover benefits but had excess in our account that funds Maritza's program

Safe Walking Routes: Ms. Ibarra just updated the routes. There have not been any changes since last year and no plans for construction.

Turn around school update: Focus will be on leadership and retention. A team has been to do the evaluation and will be given a more specific report in the future. One parent brought up that they felt like the school needs to focus on a friendlier climate and more supportive teachers. She gets feedback when her student is doing something wrong, but would like feedback of the positive as well.

Proficiency based grading: A professional development regarding proficiency based grading was presented on 4/10/2018. There was an explanation of what it means and looks like. Basically all grades come from assessments (each concept would need to be assessed 3 times before a score 1-4 would be entered.) Homework and extra credit would not be factored into the grade only what level of understanding the student has of the concepts being taught. Some teachers are beginning immediately but none are being forced to at this time. It has been found that PBG is clearer to students, there is a student buy in and higher engagement because students take personal ownership of their learning.

Next year's council: Everyone is planning on returning. Andrew Anthony would need to run again. Cindy Turner may just switch from a parent to an employee because it is her second year and she will not have a student in the school. We will advertise next year with a call home, at PTC and back to school night. Forms to run for community council will be located in the front office with dates of when they will need to be turned in.

School Counselor update: Still looking for ways to get parents to be more informed and more involved in education. Will still send home information about things in writing, email, on facebook and will be posted on the Kennedy webpage.

Other: Suggestion for a vinyl banner to be printed to display on days that the mobile food pantry will be here. The After school program did receive funding through next year. And state and core proficiency standards are available on the district web page for parent to access if they want.