

MILL CREEK ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from January 22, 2018

Meeting called to order 3:45pm

Those in attendance: Ann Kane, Harmony Starr, Whitney Smith, Trent Eckman, Dee Caldwell

Dual Immersion – numbers for next year:

20 kids are signed up for dual so we are off to a good start but need more

District is not willing to entertain gifted/dual program for us now since they are shifting some other things about their gifted program. So there is currently no proposal in the pipeline at this point. This may be something we can look at for the future – the idea is still on the table. But on hold indefinitely.

Budget:

\$5,500 left in para

took out teacher salary

\$6,300 ish

According to email Ann got, budget for next is 49,000 so less than this year's budget

Likelihood of having previous year's teacher/staff issues again next year:

We will get projected enrollment on March 7th

By 14th we must turn in staffing plan

That is a one week turn around

The March 12th meeting is a big meeting for that reason

22,500 on least expensive teacher

if we have to do this again, we can

Teachers tell Ann their future plans on the 7th also

At that time, the faculty approves a plan, then that plan is brought to community council

We will get email if big plans so can consider over the weekend what to do

Things also went badly for us because algorithm district uses did not accurately project our enrollment etc. The mismatch meant we had to correct for the inaccurate projection once school was already underway.

How reliable is this algorithm given that they've been wrong about our enrollment for the last two years?

What information are they getting from us to help inform algorithm? The forms they provide us don't take into account dual so we have to alter the forms to accommodate that. It is unlikely this altered form is being processed/considered in the system.

Funding for all day kindergarten?

We won't know if we can do that until we know if our enrollment is what they need

Probably won't know until May testing

Student progress and conditions:

Things going well, do have some big classes outside of dual but other than that doing well

Reconfiguration:

In Olympus Network, every Community Council in network has to ask for info. One Elementary school said no to informational stage. That is, they don't even want informational. Since it is not 100% consensus nothing is currently moving forward. We said yes to information stage.

Plans to push for Enrollment in Dual:

Did a kindergarten program to show what 1st graders can do. Was successful to motivate parents to enroll their incoming 1st graders from Kinder.

Different upper classes go into kindergarten so they can learn what they can do.

We also call all Kinder parents who haven't signed up.

Construction:

Getting new kitchen and bump out for storage since taking PE storage closet.

Moving dumpsters to outside brick building so a lot of construction all around.

Should start on Wednesday next week.

Some people may express annoyance, so let them know that it will all be worth it when students can enjoy new facilities.

Next up is new entrance, which is now out to bid next month.

10 other schools getting new doors right now.

Hoping we can do ours over the summer.

In desperate need of aides.

Working with small groups in Special Ed

Has to help out on recess lunch duty

All they need is a HS diploma and pass background check

Science Night in March 1st

Need volunteers, only need to show up

5:30-7pm

It is easy because the stations come with instructions

Last year was a big success!

also next year's plan will be discussed in March

Meeting adjourned at 4:32pm

Next meeting is February 26th 2018 at 3:40pm