

## Morningside Community Council- September Minutes

Shayna opened-

3 spots open on the Community Council this year.

Tanner Dance update- Rachel Kimball offered 3 options. Regardless of what we choose, we won't lose our spot for next year.

1- typical schedule- doesn't seem to work with our lunchroom schedule now and we have no open rooms

2- teachers zoom into classrooms- don't have the space for it.

3- dancers and musicians come on Fridays in the gym and students zoom in from home

Tiara- doesn't seem like it will provide the same benefit as getting students up from desks and getting active when their Fridays will probably already be less desk time.

Shayna- seems expensive for what we are getting, probably better ways to spend \$

Shannon- what else could we use that \$ for? How much is it?

\$15,000

Ms. Reese- student enrollment projections were 20.5 actually closer to 21.225.

There was \$30k set aside, with \$15 extra from not doing Tanner Dance, we would have \$45k to do something will where we normally don't have that much to work with.

STEAM lab?

Shayna- what does that look like?

Ms. Reese- Art Counsel has a sub contract for room 10 what if we made that into a STEAM lab with Tech hookups. Megan Black Specialist- true science experiment lab= no more mess in class. Would teachers be more likely to use this space for real science experiments they wouldn't want to do in their own classrooms?

-computer tech- coding, lego league, multi-use

-money for paras to help teachers, TSSA budget, all students could access not just the traditional tract

Ashley- would teachers teach or have a dedicated person like art?

Ms. Reese- we might want a dedicated person. Although Ms Mccandles has been doing stem activites in her classroom.

Cindy- students doing stem activites with 100% engagement. Engineering methods- how to plan, enact, check scientific process. Students driving to do more and more projects.

Shayna- do we really need tech lab when we already have computer lab/ chrome books- lets find resources we don't already have.

Ms. Reese- We have room 10 filled with science stuff. School tech specialist thinks we already do have a lot. What area would we like to choose to focus on 1st.

Shayna- contacts to source materials.

Technology funding

Ms. Reese- Hard/software not consumables

Vote- Tanner Dance - Table rest of spending until Oct meeting

Ashley- motion to withdraw from Tanner Dance. Dan- 2nd vote unanimous to withdraw from Tanner Dance

Shayna- \$ what can we do to help teachers or school face the unique 2020 needs?

Cindy- someone w/ skillset to help teachers who want to try new things (dual modalities)

Shannon- what about volunteer opportunities? Know it is limited visitors as school right now.

Ms. Reese- Fridays could be a good day to open to volunteers, great time to come assist without students in the school.

Shayna- how can we organize that somehow?

Cindy- survey teachers, what do they need?

Ms Reese- needs to think and look into it.

tech skills- search our networks and find willingness or hire a para educator- they are in high demand right now. We could still use 4 more (29 hrs)

Shannon- could we let a parent do that? (let them take class to help teachers?)

Ms. Reese- not now, but maybe later with relaxing covid #'s

Shayna- closing remarks so grateful for our teachers and how they care for our children.

Shannon- motion to adjourn. Cindy 2nd.

Meeting Closed.