

Morningside Elementary School Community Council
Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2020

Meeting:

Called to Order at 4:18 p.m.

Adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Attendance:

Present

Shayna Barney, Laura Cannon, Shannon Fischio, Dan Lauritzen, Cindy McCandless, Ashley Pascoe, Drew Quinn, Anne Reese, Kim Weston, and Jennifer Whitlock.

Excused

Tiara Auxier

Welcome

Shayna Barney welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve October Minutes

A motion to approve the October meeting minutes as presented was made. Ashley Pascoe 1st, Jennifer Whitlock 2nd.

Did Everyone Watch the Training Videos? Question?

Shayna asked if everyone was able to watch the training videos. The group did not have any questions and felt OK with the video content. These are produced by GDS. Members can refer to them at any time.

- [Job Descriptions](#)
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Traffic Follow-Up

1. Bus Road

Drew Quinn shared that due to cost, it would be 2-3 years before the District could fund this project. This is a disappointment. Drew committed to staying on top of its progress.

2. Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zones

Pick-up and drop-off at both zones is problematic.

North End: u-turns, poor use of crosswalks, idling/parking in drop-off area

South End: pulling in wrong way

Anne noted that we can submit license plates for police follow-up, and we can invite police to be onsite in the morning to help reinforce good traffic etiquette.

Action Item: Create lightweight parking signs that safety patrol can take out as a reminder to place in cones for south end. Shayna – sign text, Shannon – design sign, and Ashely – print.

STEM Lab Tour Follow-Up

Due to COVID-19, we have no tours scheduled for our group to visit a STEM lab. Anne shared her research and presented lab supply lists. Much of getting the lab up and running on the science side is purchasing consumables. She has been unimpressed with Ross Kits. A STEAM track would give our traditional program a designation of its own, something dynamic. As an SCC we want to help our teachers get the curriculum tools needs to be successful.

Action Item: Anne, Ashely, Dan, and Shayna will work as a subcommittee to look at equipment procurement, standards-based lesson plans, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Lunch Timing

Concern has been expressed that students are feeling rushed eating (not getting to finish lunch) now that lunch has moved inside. Anne reviewed the lunch process. There is one grade at a time in the lunchroom. Giving more time to the lower grades would be difficult as the space is inadequate, and it would create inequalities with teacher lunchbreaks. Anne shared that snacks are still acceptable at recess.

Action Item: Anne will follow-up with staff about snacks.

SCC Membership

The group discussed if Tiara officially resigned. To date, no.

Action Item: Laura will contact Tiara about resignation.

Teacher Responses to Tech Survey

The group discussed the survey responses. Some teachers responded with subscription requests for programs such as Spelling City, Razz Kids, etc. There was not consensus. With it being mid-year, the SCC will hold funding these types of requests for the current school year. The group will look to allocate money for software subscription requests in our future plan.

Additional Items

1. WIDA Proctor

Anne needs an adult to proctor the WIDA, language learner test at the first of the year. This would be a time-limited position for a couple weeks. Testing takes 3-4 hours each day. If interested, contact Anne. The testing window is January 6-March 5.

2. Morningside Clock

Shannon asked Anne to check the timing on the school bell/clock. Since the time change, it seems to be two minutes fast.

3. Playworks

Laura asked about Playworks. Playworks helps schools create recess and play environments where every child can join in. Their goal is that all kids should experience the social, emotional, and physical benefits of play. This is a paid program that is personnel directed. Maybe we could look at costs.

Anne shared that the District is looking to condemn our big upper playground equipment. The replacement cost burden falls to the school. We can hope that there is money to help replace, but there is no funding allocated to do so. The SCC was shocked by this announcement. The group will discuss with Drew, as the school serves as a park after school hours, and we will talk with our new Board representative, Julie Jackson as well. Julie takes office in January.

4. **Home Under Tree**

Laura shared that a cardboard home was found under a tree on the school property. Anne was aware, and it is being taken care of.

Adjourn

Shayna Barney called for a motion to adjourn. Shannon 1st, Ashely 2nd.