

Morningside Elementary School Community Council
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2021

Meeting:

Called to Order at 2:03 p.m.

Adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Attendance:

Present

Shayna Barney, Laura Cannon, Donna Christensen-Gunn, Emmanuel Collins-Peynaud, Andy D'Acquisto, Shannon Fischio, Dan Lauritzen, Levi Negley, Ashley Pascoe, Anne Reese, Elizabeth Sagers, Karen Vasquez, and Jennifer Whitlock.

Excused

Blake Smith

Welcome

Shayna Barney welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves. Chair and vice-chair selection will happen at the October meeting.

Approve May Minutes

Approval of the May minutes was tabled until the October meeting.

FOLLOW-UP BUSINESS

STEM Lab Update

All furniture has arrived. Help might be needed to get the room organized. Principal Reese will pick a date and reach out to members to help. As a reminder, the SCC designated \$40,000 to equip the new STEM lab.

Playground Update

The playground equipment has arrived, and the company will begin installation next week. A new squishy surface part of the lower playground has also been installed.

South Side Traffic Issues

Traffic on the south side continues to be an issue. Pick-up and drop-off times are problematic. We are now on regular rotation with the Holladay police. The council discussed issues and possible solutions.

1. Newly Painted Red Curb – The red curb means no waiting/parking. This area can be used as a continuous pick-up/drop-off area. Both parents and teachers are confused. Principal Reese will remind staff of this area's proper use.
2. Horseshoe Use – Is there a way that parents can use the horseshoe after the busses leave? Can we look into something like a red light/green light to indicate when it is OK to use?
3. Relocate Crossing Guard's Car – The crossing guard has a large SUV. It blocks sight of students crossing. Can we ask her to park on Middleton instead?
4. No Parking on Bluebell above School – Can we make Bluebell a no parking zone above the school? If parents want to park as they wait or walk their students in, they can do so on 3080 east.
5. Front Reconfiguration: The front reconfiguration is still in the queue. The cost puts the project several years out. Chief Hoyal is a great advocate on our behalf with the Granite School District.

Action Item: Shayna will update the summary of driving patterns. Information will be shared with parents.

Dress Code

Dress code updates will be discussed at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule Meetings for 2021-2022

Council set meeting dates for the remainder of the school year. All meetings will be at 2:00 p.m. in the library.

October 8, 2021	January 28, 2022	April 22, 2022
November 19, 2021	February 25, 2022	May 13, 2022
December 2021 – No Meeting	March 24, 2022	

Update on Enrollment Numbers/Kindergarten

The school is purchasing a .5 FTE using ESSER funds. Sadly, we are six students shy of meeting the enrollment requirement in this instance.

Kindergarten is a big success. There are about 24-25 students per class. Morning hours are dedicated to core and in the afternoon, students engage in other areas and work in small groups. There are eight students that go home midday.

There are enough ESSER funds to continue all-day Kindergarten next year. The school first slots in-boundary students before opening slots to out-of-boundary students. To keep students at Morningside beyond Kindergarten, the school will host a family night, so students/parents can see the STEM lab, learn more about DLI and ALC offerings. Madame Botella is volunteering in the Kindergarten classrooms to introduce French to the students.

Adjourn

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