

Morningside Community Council Minutes
February 22, 2023

Welcome/Call to Order

Approval of January Minutes

Motion: Anne Reese; Second: Shayna Barney; minutes approved

Follow-up Items

Shayna reported on February District Community Council Meeting—main points of discussion were PBG and Regarding PBG, the District has detailed breakdowns of the effects of PBG on test scores by grade and school; Anne can ask for these. Anecdotally, the biggest issue reported at the elementary level is lack of clarity about how to earn a 4, and whether all assignments are eligible for 4s. SCCs are an appropriate first line of communication for parents who have PBG concerns.

New Item—Budget 2023-4

Review 2022-2023 Expenditures/Goals

70% benchmark for DIBELS; staff would like to increase goal for 2023-2024

ELA/paraeducators

Tanner Dance

Class size reduction (to prevent split-level classes)

Later amended to allow for teachers to attend a summer conference—this money made available due to Tanner Dance grant which eliminated tuition for the year, and because we did not need to help buy a teacher

Budget Outline 2023-24

\$79516.05—increase of approx. \$6,000 (we can also carry over not more than 10%)

Projected enrollment—587 students (Ms. Reese says we will be unlikely to meet this number due to a likely decrease in full day Kindergarten enrollment now that there will be state-wide funding)

[Side discussion—how to keep DLI vibrant? Morningside is one of two schools that still needed a lottery, this year. Discussions are underway at higher levels about how best to manage DLI programs with low enrollment. Possibly utilizing a three teacher split, is one idea.]

Expenditure Proposals (summary of brainstorming/discussion)

- Tanner Dance-\$20K
- Paraeducators-\$25K+
- We can use capital budget for cameras and badge swipe entry
- We can use Textnology budget for robotics and stop motion cameras for STEM Lab (this was an STS request)
- Can we get a STEM specialist that could be funded like a part-time teacher?
- Playworks-possibly \$60K+--can we share?
- School play—is there a company that will come in and do a whole school play? Is this feasible, given the whole school/after school issues?
- Teacher curriculum planning time in Summer-\$4600/day
- Reward items for meeting curriculum goals—ie, Churchill has parent run math homework party, during school
- Leveled readers, French readers—gap in our current supply for non-readers. We have good beginning, but more needed, per Karen Vasquez
- Behavior—school store—funding will need to come through different budget
- Help for multi-language learners
- Help with teacher coverage for PLCs
- Can we get our social worker to go full time?—can come from ESSER, this year, though this raises questions about future revenue stream
- Classroom tech? Boxlights (the new Smartboard type tech) are \$8K/each

Shayna and Dona will make enquiries about STEM Specialist. Anne will research Playworks cost. Others may reach out to acquaintances currently served by Playworks.

Final budget priorities will be decided at March 22 meeting.

Adjourn

Motion: Dona Guin; Second: Shayna Barney; meeting adjourned