

William Penn School Community Council Meeting

Thursday, September 28th 2023

Meeting started at 7:37 am

Dr. Higgins explained an overview of the community council

Introductions

Natalie El-Deiry
Adam Gray
Katie Knudsen
Sidsie Drysdale
Joe Edmunds
Loni Richards
Sarah Struhs

Principal

Dr. Higgins

Teacher representatives

Carola Booth
Rachel Allen

Watched the Land Trust training videos

Went over SCC tab on school website and what you can find there:

- Meeting agenda
- Meeting schedule posted
- Funding report and school plan
- SCC Members listed

Looked at the rules of order and procedures.

Handed out the handbook and reviewed duties of officers.

Nomination for chair

Sidsie Drysdale nominated Loni Richards

Second by Sara Struhs

All in favor.

Nominations for Vice chair

Katie's Knudsen Nominated Sara Struhs

Seconded by Sidsie Drysdale

All in favor.

District Community Council Meetings and who will attend:

- Tuesday, October 17th - Kennedy Jr. High - Adam
- Tuesday, November 21st - TBD - Natalie
- Tuesday, January 16th - TBD - Sara
- Tuesday, May 14th - TBD - Loni

Looked at condensed version of school plan/ goals.

We currently have 2 land trust paras out of the 5 needed.

Para's duties:

- Help teachers during small group time
- Help with multi language learners

1 Special Ed para working with IEP's,
1 contracted Special Ed para
Still have open positions to fill.

Reviewed how to find the projection reports on the school website under the community council tab.

Agenda item: Safe walking route

Catwalk on Orchard parking and traffic. Observations by Joe Edmunds and residences in the area.

- Neighbors said that catwalk was initially placed for walkers and not for car pickup.
- 100-150 students use the catwalk daily.
- It creates chaos when cars are trying to drive both ways. There are no sidewalks. The road is not wide enough for cars to park on both sides and have traffic going both ways.
- Cars park on both sides that forces students to weave in-between cars, in the middle of the road, through residences property and most are not looking for oncoming traffic or students.
- Cars have to also drive through as well with kids trying to walk to their car or on their bikes and scooters heading home in the middle of the road.
- Cars will park right next to the cross walk not allowing good visibility.
- Cars have also been seen to do U-turns.
- Neighbors have seen many close calls of students almost getting hit.
- Neighbors have seen cars flying up the road to drop the kids off, not watching for walkers needing to cross the street to get the school.

Neighbors have proposed that cars park on the outside of the road making it a one-way street during morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-up. This will allow students to walk on the inside of the road making a clear visible path that is safe for students.

Community Council proposes initial no parking signs during certain hours and enforcement and getting Millcreek city involved as well as a full-time crossing guard for drop off and pick up.

Joe is compiling an email for the community to send to Millcreek City as well as our school board
Proposal is cars only park on the east, south, north side of the street during 8:15-45 am and 3:15-3:45 pm.

Joe has reached out to Millcreek city a few years ago and did not get a response.
Higgins got an email last May-they said crossing guards ultimately need to be approved by city council. We need to contact Millcreek City about planning and zoning for crossing guards. 801-214-2700
Cheri Jackson District 3 is our rep.
We would like the city to designate structured parking during certain hours.

Dr. Higgins will continue the crossing guard communication with Millcreek city, adding another request for Honeycut and Siggard.

Natalie will take secretary notes going forward with exception of October mtg.

Dr. Higgins will send Loni the council members contact info to send to the SCC.

Meeting adjourns at 8:31