

Woodstock Elementary School Community Council
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2020

Meeting Convened-3:18 PM

In attendance via Zoom: Brenda Byrnes, Kristen Evans, Lisa Hamman, Erica Villareal, Bobette Kitt, Matt Fields & Gina Winegar.

Absent: Trevor Clements

1. Finalizing our Community Council Roster and naming the Chair/Vice Chair:

Kristen Evans – 2nd Year

Bobette Kitt – 1st Year

Trevor Clements – 2nd Year

Erica Villarreal (teacher) – 2nd Year

Lisa Hamann (teacher) – 1st Year

We have two openings – Brandon Oliver (2nd year) and Stephanie Benware (1st year) have left our council. Fortunately we have two parents who would like to join: Matt Fields and Gina Winegar.

Kristen Evans agreed to be Chair

Matt Fields agreed to be Vice Chair

2. Confirmed Meeting dates: 2nd Monday of the Month (except for February which had to be moved because of SEP Conferences). Here are the dates for the year: 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14, 1/11, 2/1, 3/8, 4/12, and 5/10.
3. Meeting time: is 3:15 a time that works for everyone?
Kristen proposed updating the time to 3:20 PM to allow for parents to make it back home from picking up their students. Motion was seconded and put to a vote. All were in favor. Meeting time to be 3:20 PM.
4. Confirmed Meeting format to be held via the Zoom platform.
5. School Community Council Handbooks were sent home via students. The handbook has a lot of information about how Community Councils work together to support the school. It may be good for you to look through it, especially if this is the first time you have served on a council. A link was shared to watch the information video on serving on the community council.

6. Review Current Land Trust Budget and proposed amendment

Brenda presented the following proposed amendment to the current land trust plan:
Due to COVID 19, Woodstock had a decline in enrollment for the 2020-21 school year. In the Spring, it was projected that Woodstock would have an FTE of 18.5 teachers (505 students). Current enrollment is 477 students which equals an FTE of 17.5 teachers. Teachers are under a tremendous amount of pressure this year and losing a full teacher during the fall surplus process would have a huge impact on our school. Mrs. Byrnes is proposing to pay .5 FTE using the Trustland budget.

Current plan: \$53,850.00 allocated for Paraeducators

Proposed plan: \$35,000.00 allocated for .5 FTE, \$18,850.00 allocated for Paraeducators

Impact: Due to COVID, several paraeducators have not returned to Woodstock so the amount remaining in this budget will be enough to cover those who are still working at the school.

Kristen motioned to put the proposed amendment to a vote, which was seconded by Bobette. All were in favor of re-allocating \$35,000 of land trust funds to pay for .5 FTE.

7. Discuss Inclement weather policies:

In the past, school administration based the decision on inside/outside day if the temperature “feels like” 25 degrees or lower (along with rainy, snowy, poor air quality conditions). Due to covid, Brenda asked for flexibility in determining inside vs outside days. There were plenty of days last year where the sun was shining but it was less than 25 degrees that the students could have been outside. In the past, students were just in the gym on inside days, but with Covid & social distancing protocols that just is not possible. When it is determined it must be an inside day,, teachers will be asked to open their classrooms for students. If parents do not want their students outside in the AM, they will be asked to come as close to the 1st bell as possible.

Meeting adjourned 3:46 PM