

Art City Elementary

School Community Council Minutes

January 11th, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Council Members in Attendance: Clint Cornwall, Jamie Huston, Natalie Bailey, Amber Whatcott, Marie Lindsey, Adrienne Everitt, Shana Huffaker

1. Introductions and Welcome: Welcome. We didn't meet in December, so we haven't met for a while. How are things? What have you heard that's going on for the school? The parents are hearing great things about Natalie Hodson. They said she has really made a difference with students. Adrienne said Mr. Cornwall has really made a difference with making elementary school fun this year. Mr. Cornwall mentioned that Chess Club is going to start again this year. We're excited about that.
2. Acces Route Followup: Marie mentioned that she has seen some new school crossing signs that have been put up. There are a lot of students that are crossing where they shouldn't be crossing. If we made a request to the city, should we ask for sidewalks to be continued where there aren't sidewalks or ask if we could have a crosswalk on 700 East and 200 North that has a button that would have lights. That would probably be something that the kids would use. We're thinking we should ask for both. Ashley's concern is that parents pick up students that cross where there isn't a crosswalk in front of the school. The cones at the church are very helpful. Mr. Cornwall mentioned the gate at the back of the playground. How many use it, and is it safe to leave it open during school hours? The school gets adults coming through the gate to cut across the field instead of going around the block. Is it safer to close it?
3. Goal Discussion: Mr. Cornwall said he has given the money a lot of thought, and he would prefer to use the money to pay for people rather than supplies or programs. Keep in mind that these aren't all the budgets we have. Last year's data shows that we had a 1 percent growth with our 1st-3rd graders. We are showing better growth this year at the middle of the year than we did last year which is cause for celebration. Our goal for the 2024-25 school year is to increase 1% from the beginning to the end of the year for 1st-3rd graders. We'd like to figure out how to best spend our Trustland money to support this goal. For the reading goal Clint's thoughts are to use money for tutors and money for

substitutes so teachers can go to teacher training meetings. The council members agreed that would be a good use for the money in reading. For math, we are shifting our thinking as well. Next year each elementary school in the district will have an instructional coach full time at the school. The instructional coach will also be supporting us in math as well as supporting our language learners. The goal for math is based on the RISE test. We have money set aside for technology, substitutes and technicians/tutors. If the Trustland money comes in higher, Clint will probably use it for personnel or maybe technology in math. The council members felt that was a good use of the money. We're not voting on it today. This meeting is just to look at the goals and then we'll think about them.

4. Other items from council members: Adriene mentioned that she heard the library was struggling, and there are many books that need to be replaced. Mr. Cornwall said Maria was given less money this year from the district. Clint said he would mention to our librarian that we have other money she can use if needed. Marie asked about the new swings for the playground. Mr. Cornwall has not heard from maintenance about where things are with that.

Next Meeting:

February 22nd, 10:00 am

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