

Art City Elementary

School Community Council Minutes

September 22, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Council: Lisa Muirbrook, Jamie Huston, Melissa Roundy, Natalie Bailey, Amber Whatcott, Christina Montgomery, Helen Fuhriman, Marie Lindsey, Shanna Huffaker, Terri

1. Introductions and Welcome: Welcomed everyone and had them introduce themselves
2. Orientation of School Community Council: Discussed what the purpose for School Community Council is.
3. Election of Council Chairs:
Helen Fuhriman motioned for Amber Whatcott to be a council chair. Jamie Huston seconded it. Helen Fuhriman motioned for Marie Lindsey to be one, Christina Montgomery seconded the motion.
4. Overview of School Plan:
Mrs. Muirbrook explained the school goals. Goal #1 being that by the end of the 2022-23 school year, the percentage of students in grades K-3 performing on grade level or making typical progress in reading will increase by 1%. She explained that our ESSER teacher really helps with this goal. She mentioned that our incoming kinder students are lower than they have ever been because of COVID, but we have so many things in place to help with this. Mrs. Muirbrook then went through our planned expenditures for the year that help to meet goal #1. She mentioned that we have purchased books to aid in tier instruction and that we have money earmarked for subs to aid teachers in assessing and planning for students. There was furniture purchased for the lobby area with a bookshelf and books for students to sit down and have the opportunity to read books.

Goal #2 being that by the end of the 2022-23 school year, the percentage of students in grades 3-5 performing on grade level or making typical progress in

mathematics will increase by 1%. We were able to replace 3 promethean boards that had gone out in classrooms. She is hoping to purchase boards for our resource and preschool classrooms. Lisa will be purchasing more touch chromebooks for the younger grades, along with ipads for tutors with money that is earmarked for technology. We are using technicians and tutors to support students that have holes in their learning.

5. Terri Jensen: SB58 Suicide and Substance Abuse:

Mrs. Jensen told us that the state is giving us \$1000 for substance abuse and \$1000 for suicide prevention. Mrs. Jensen said everything she does is to help students build skills to help students in both of these areas. She invests in student culture. This year we are putting the Lift Program in place. The Lift Program helps students with setting goals and building skills to do that. It's not just about setting goals, but living them. We are seeing students in college fail because they can't do that. There will be three common lessons for the whole school. She also does celebrations for when they reach their goals. Each student has a binder to help them with setting goals. This will be good for students because teachers are noticing that students aren't risk takers. Helen suggested adding a page to the website so parents can be involved with LIFT and helping kids with resiliency. It was also suggested to make posters. Christina asked about social skills groups and Mrs. Huston explained Second Steps to the council. It was suggested for teachers to include information about Second Steps in their class newsletters. Terri explained her 3 goals as a counselor for suicide prevention and substance abuse prevention. Lisa explained how it is so important to arm these students with the tools to go on to middle school, junior high, etc.

6. Items from Mrs. Muirbrook: Scammers

We discussed problems that we are seeing with scammers. Mrs. Muirbrook let the council members know that she would never email them about sending her gift cards, as that is a scam that previous council members have dealt with.

7. Other items from council members

It was asked that Shana email out all future dates for School Community Council meeting.

8. FYI: SCC Training September 28th @3:30-4:30 at District Office

Next Meeting: Superintendent Meeting
October 26th, 4:00
Salem Hills High School