

Community Council Meeting Minutes

Nov 17, 2022

Attending: Tiffany Villalta (parent and Chair), Amy Erickson (Parent and Vice-chair), Julie Smith (Principal), Dustin Nelson (Title I Site Coordinator), Lindsay Hurd (teacher), Leo Boren (parent), Matthew Gardiner (parent) Cody Layton (SRO)

Meeting Called to Order: 3:00 p.m.

Welcome: Tiffany Villalta (Chair)

School Safety Plan:

- Officer Layton outlined the school's safety plan explaining that all schools in our district share the same terminology and outlined the procedures for the following drills.
 - Hold
 - Secure
 - Lockdown
 - Evacuate
 - Shelter

0 Tolerance Training:

- Mrs. Smith shared how all the faculty and students have received training with our 0 Tolerance Training. Faculty in staff meetings and students in assemblies. Lower grades K - 2 received a modified version of the one 3 - 5 received. Basically, be kind, stand up for others and communicate with the proper authorities.

Positive Behavior Plan (PBIS):

- Sunset has various plans in place to help encourage positive behavior. Our counselor meets with classes regularly to teach character building skills. She also coordinates small social skills groups with students who struggle socially. As a school we promote good behavior by rewarding students with "horseshoes" (school currency) and Principal Pal cards which are shared with parents and students have the opportunity to win special time with the principal.
- Attendance: Attendance is a concern as it directly affects academic achievement. Mr. Nelson shared several plans in place to encourage better attendance. Numbers are assigned to each student in each class and every morning two lucky numbers are called. If the students with those numbers are here and on time they receive a small prize.

Classes also strive to complete an attendance chart, which when full, allows the whole class to win a prize. Communication has improved between the school and parents emphasizing the importance of good attendance.

- The School Compact was reviewed and it was determined that it should remain the same with two small corrections. OEK is no longer available as all students have access to full day kindergarten. Also, there are only two SEP conferences held instead of three as in previous years.
- Mrs. Smith shared the results of the Culture Survey that was taken by students and parents last Spring. The results were from the entire district. In summary, the results were very positive with both parents and students feeling like the schools were a safe place to be, had a positive environment where teachers and faculty cared about the students.

Digital Citizenship / Internet Safety:

- Every student at Sunset Elementary receives instruction on how to use the internet safely. Lessons are age appropriate and taught by our computer teacher and reinforced by classroom teachers.
- Sunset Elementary has a strict policy about the use of cell phones. Students must place phones in backpacks at the beginning of the school day and they cannot be removed until school ends. Students who use phones during the day will have phones confiscated and a parent will be notified and required to pick up the phone.

Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention Plan:

- Mrs. Timmons our counselor and Mr. Nelson received intense training regarding Suicide Prevention in schools. Sunset Elementary has set aside funds to focus on meeting the social and emotional needs of our students. Some of the programs which are part of this plan are:
 - Student Counsel and Safety Patrol
 - Santa Flight Program
 - Small Social and Emotional Learning groups supervised by our counselor and behavior tech

Next Meeting:

Jan 11, 2024

Meeting adjourned: 4:14 p.m.