

Northridge Elementary School Community Council
Minutes for October 28, 2014

Meeting was held on October 28th, 2014, at 1:00pm in the teacher's lounge at Northridge Elementary School.

Members present:

Wyatt Hallam, Chairman
Eric Woodhouse, Principal
Wendy Mitchell
Aubrey Ashdown
Liz Ellsworth, Vice-Chair, Teacher
Rosemary Olsen
Leslie Randall, Alpine District Community Council Representative
Teri Allred, PTA Representative
Nathan Welch, Teacher
Noel Thomas
Shauna Light
Mindy Stailey
Amy King, Teacher

Members Absent:

Lovina Roundy

Wyatt Hallam, SCC Chairman, welcomed council to the first meeting for 2014-2015 school year.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Shauna Light
Reverence was led by Wendy Mitchell

Wyatt led council in reciting the norms that were established during the 2013-2014 school year. He discussed what he liked about each norm and the council agreed to keep those established norms for this year.

Each member of the council introduced themselves to the whole council for those who are new to the council.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

2014-2015 Meeting schedule-Every 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 1:00pm
October 14, 2014
November 11, 2014
December 9, 2014
January 13, 2015
February 10, 2015
March 10, 2015

April 14, 2015
May 12, 2015

Meeting will be held on these dates and if Wyatt is unable to attend the meeting it will still be held with Liz Ellsworth conducting the meeting.
A sign-up for leading the Pledge of Allegiance and Reverence was passed around to the council.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The School Community Council tab on the school's website has been updated.

Wyatt reviewed the 3 main purposes of the SCC found on the school website.

1. To build consistent and effective communication among parents, employees, and administrators.
2. To allow parents an opportunity to be actively involved, with the school, in their children's education.
3. To enhance academic excellence at the school and address the needs of students.

Wyatt shared his vision for the SCC for this 2014-2015 school year. He identified 2 questions; (1) What changes need to be made to the SIP for the following school year? and (2) How do we hold ourselves, and the principal, accountable for the trust land funds that we designated for use? Wyatt introduced the idea of getting the teachers more invested in the school, and with the trust land funds, by having the teachers apply for grants through the SCC. It was discussed that Shuana Light would create a grant application, including all the guidelines from the State, that teachers can fill out and submit to the council for approval. She will create the application and submit it to Wyatt for his input and then Wyatt will email it to council members to review and make any suggestions. Wyatt will attend, or assign a council member, to visit a Monday teacher collaboration meeting in the near future to introduce the trust land grant available to all teachers.

The council brainstormed a few ideas for committees. It was discussed how in the past the committees included; math, literacy, professional development, science, and safety; these committees have been somewhat confusing and not as effective as the community would like. It was discussed to wait until the grant process was going and then the council would form committees based on the grant process. There is also a possibility that each council member could be assigned a grade level, or team, to act as a representative on the council for those teachers.

Mr. Woodhouse would like each council member to submit a photo to be posted on the school website and he will also introduce the SCC members to the teachers and parents in Monday's memo.

Mr. Woodhouse introduced the Watch D.O.G.S. program which is a program that encourages fathers, or father figures, to spend 1 day during the school year helping in different ways at the school. This program goals are to provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important; and to provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying. It was discussed that this program could be valuable to the school as long as there was a reliable volunteer that was willing to coordinate the program. Wendy Mitchell said this program was presented at the region PTA meeting and encouraged to support at our schools. It was discussed that the PTA could also help the SCC in coordinating this program at Northridge. Wyatt told the council to look at the program and think about it and the council would discuss it at a future meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

Grant applications will be created by Shauna Light

Council members will get photos to Mr. Woodhouse for the school's website

Council members will look into the Watch D.O.G.S program

Wyatt will present grant idea to the teachers at a Monday collaboration

Mr. Woodhouse will included all council members names in his Monday memo

Mr. Woodhouse will prepare to report at November's meeting on the teacher's professional development day held before school started

Next meeting scheduled November 11, 2014, 1:00 pm, teacher's lounge

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.