

Shelley Elementary School Community Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 5th, 2012
2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the Conference Room

Minutes

Council Members in Attendance – Sarah Beeson, Carol Anderegg, Peggy Crandall, Brandon Engles, Michelle Dolinar, Christine Rich, Angi Cummings, and Jeff Freeman (Absent: Andrea Walters and Johnny Bradshaw)

Also in attendance Kim Poulson (from the District Community Council), Robin Hansen (District Nutritional Services Coordinator over our area), and concerned patrons--Amber Abel, Mary Ann Hansen, Kerri Hammond and Maureen Shelley

- Lunch – questions and comments about new lunch guidelines:
 - Parents expressed concern about not knowing about new federal law. School lunches have been made healthier but kids are not eating them. Price has increased for students to just throw away their meals. Schools should not tell kids and parents what they can and cannot eat.
 - Federal legislation
 - Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010
 - [added as side note, not mentioned in meeting -- Public Law No: 111-296]
 - School lunch is self-funded through the federal government. The federal government subsidizes the majority of money for school lunches. Very little money comes from the State (mainly from liquor sales tax).
 - Cost increase if students do not take required food.
 - An extra 75 cents is charged if a student does not take all of the required food.
 - The school district cannot claim reimbursement from the federal government if the lunch does not meet federal requirements for a reimbursable meal.
 - What about boycotting school lunch to express our frustration? If the school or district decided to not follow the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010
 - Free and reduced lunch would not be funded. This would affect low-income students and many other forms of funding the school receives.
 - This has been brought up with Rob Smith and cannot realistically be done financially.
 - Nutritional specialists would lose their jobs.
 - Make an impact
 - There is not much the school or district can do about this since it is federal law.
 - Parents need to contact legislatures.

- Mr. Freeman read about the act from the brochure. It said that “Changes will continue to be enacted over the next 10 years.”
 - How did our legislatures vote?
 - [added as side note, not mentioned in meeting – Chaffetz and Bishop voted against this act. Matheson, Hatch, and Bennett voted for this act.]
 - Mrs. Crandall shared a recent experience where the menu listed a donut, but the supplier did not deliver any. The students were very disappointed. The fruit choices that day included bananas so green the students could not peel them. The school received quite a number of complaints that day from both students and parents.
 - Nutritional Services replied:
 - The first delivery of the year was not so good. The supplier was not expecting to deliver additional donuts to schools that were not on their regular schedule.
 - Fresh fruits and vegetables are being delivered. They are high quality.
 - Question about our lunch manager possibly going to a different school and picking up food items (such as donuts).
 - District has asked that lunch ladies do not go get items from other schools for time as well as liability reasons. There have been several accidents that have occurred while managers have traveled to other schools.
 - A request was presented for the district to more effectively share with parents *any* legislation that affects students.
- Establish election process and timeline for parent position openings.
 - Parent Council members who are up for re-election.
 - Andrea Walters
 - Carol Anderegg
 - Michelle Dolinar
 - We need to notify parents for 2 weeks.
 - Election/voting then is open for 3 days.
 - Needs to be finished by the 30th day of school.
- Question arose about letting as many parents who want to be involved as members of the SCC. This would solve the problem of having an election.
 - We do not have bylaws. There is no specific number of parents that can be on the council as long as there is a majority.
 - There could be a problem in the future if we just let as many parents on as possible now.
 - Meetings would be harder with a larger number of voting members.
 - What would constitute a quorum of voting members?

- Kim Poulson suggested that we do this election the same as we have in the past. When the new SCC meets, we should create bylaws to avoid this problem and establish or clarify other expectations such as attendance of council members.
- Tabled Items to revisit at a future SCC meeting:
 - Update on beginning of the new school year from Mrs. Crandall
 - First day welcome-Champions of Learning! (In the News!)
 - Student numbers-Teacher Assistant support from the District
 - Windfall funds from District
 - Fundraiser-Entertainment Coupon Books (proceeds will go towards updating our second computer lab and to add to our student playground equipment)
 - A look at our test score data from last year (and over time).
 - Calendar SCC meetings for 2012-2013 school year:
 - September 5, 2012
 - October 3, 2012
 - October 18, 2012 (2:00-3:00 p.m.; Combined SCC/PTA Meeting)
 - November 7, 2012
 - December 5, 2012
 - January 9, 2013 (We are still out on Christmas Break the first Wednesday)
 - February 6, 2013
 - March 6, 2013
 - April 10, 2013 (We are out for Spring Break during the first week.)
 - May 1, 2013
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(Note: All SCC meetings will be held the first Wednesday of the month, in the Faculty Lounge from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. unless otherwise noted.)