

School Community Council
November 18, 2015
MINUTES

- Members Present: Ilene Strong, Shellie VanOrman, Mindy Widdowson, Jenny Timmerman, Gillian Gremmert, Christina Ahlstrom, Rachelle Funk, Dee Lawler, Diane Lewis, Austin Cowley, Britt Rohde,
- Members excused: Kim Kosorok, Natalie Hill
- Members absent: Julie Hunt, Melissa Kirkham, Matt Smith
- Visitors: Thomas Paul, Stephanie McDonald

Called to order at 3:53 p.m.

1. Review of Minutes-- Approve Minutes: Rachelle Funk moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Christina Ahlstrom seconded the motion, all approved.
2. Review of test results: Ilene showed us the soon-to-be published Stakeholder's Report. We then looked at different elements of the report and discussed the results.
3. That led to a discussion about the SIP goals for 2016-2017. We thought it might be good to let the grade level teams decide how they could use current data to make goals for next year. At the meeting in January, the creation of the goals will need to be a big part of our agenda.
4. Review of expenditures — we reviewed the current expenses so far this year, and talked about projected expenses for the rest of the year:

- a. Background checks—we will subsidize the \$55 cost by paying \$40 (leaving \$15 for the applicant to pay). We have asked that in order to be eligible for this financial aid that the applicant or spouse spend time at the school as a volunteer). Mrs. Strong will make a decision on a case-by-case basis about which people we can subsidize if there are some extenuating circumstances for some applicants.
- b. Character Ed. Programs are being considered. (the one used at Sejo Lily was mentioned).

5. Elementary School Update

We talked for a long time about the growth projections and the future plans for new schools being built in our area. The outlook isn't great for us. There are several other schools which have a larger population worry than we do. Ilene brought up some ideas that we could use as we try to ease our overcrowding problems, especially as the number of students continue to rise.

6. Mindy reported that there is a conversation in the community about some parents being dissatisfied with the education their kids were getting at our school and talking about it on Facebook. She was worried about the negative publicity, and we discussed it a little.

7. Digital Awareness Week

We discussed how it was going this week and everyone had a lot of positive things to say. It has sparked a lot of great conversations in classrooms. We congratulated Shellie on a job well done.

8. Good News

- a. Digital Awareness is a great success
- b. We had Support Professionals day on 11/18, and we combined that with our Texas Roadhouse lunch reward from the PTA for our 100% membership from the faculty.
- c. Zupas Night—we had great community participation.
- d. Native American Hoop Dance—for younger grades. It was great.
- e. Reflections Night—it was set up to be like an Art Gallery. All participants received recognition and an award. It was a good night.
- f. Veteran’s Day was a wonderful success. We had 2 school day assemblies and an evening performance. We had a lot of expressions of congratulations and gratitude for this program.
- g. WatchDogs has had many dads participating. They come 2-3 days a week, sometimes even more. They make a great impact, and have a wonderful day
- h. We have had Xactware employees coming to volunteer with schoolwide. They are much appreciated.

Meeting closed at 4:54 p.m.