

Minutes of Sunrise Elementary Community Council Meeting

Meeting Date: February 8th, 2016

Meeting Held in the Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 3:30 pm

Attendance:

Members in Attendance: Toni Gibbons, Kathy Toolson, Katelyn Ballif, Jolene Low, Sheri Egbert, Debbie Lee, Becky Chadwick, Laura Chatterton, Stefani Thatcher

Members not in Attendance: Stephanie Austin, Lynette Sessions, Julie Ashcroft, Richelle Andersen, Jana Atkinson, Kelly Haramoto, Alicia Vicars

Visitors: Kathy Christiansen (School Board) Ryan Bohm (Hats Off)

Adoption of Documents:

Approval of January 2016 Minutes

Katelyn Ballif moved to approve the January 2016 minutes as read

Sheri Egbert seconded the motion

All in favor

Reports:

Hats Off:

Ryan Bohm informed council members that the Hats Off nominee will no longer know they are being nominated for the award. Ryan left information on the rules and guidelines of nominating. The submission deadline is March 25th.

Teacher of the Year:

The Teacher of the Year forms will be mailed out as in the past

Leadership Day:

The 5th grade science fair, being held on the 24th of May, will be tweaked to become a Leader in Me Day

New Gym:

Kathy asked members if they had any questions on the new gym. Answers to questions: The gym will be bigger than existing gym. It will have a stage/music room. The new 6th grade classrooms will be built were you exit out doors in the 2nd grade area.

Professional Development Day (February 12th)

Sunrise teachers will come back to Sunrise, after their morning professional development session, to work on Leader in Me (putting in evidence on the website). They will also work on academic vocabulary.

Google Training

On March 11th and April 15th there will be a “Google in the Classroom” training for teachers. The sessions will run from 2:30 to 5:30.

Utilizing Google for School/Home communication:

A brief discussion concerning using Google to keep parents informed about assignments, share information, send messages, etc. took place.

Testing Data:

Kathy shared the following Apple, DIBELS, SRI and SAGE test results.

Apple: Seventy five percent of Portuguese speaking students are where they want them to be. The 3rd and 4th graders will take the test this year.

DIBELS: In comparing the data to the District; 1st grade went from below to above. 2nd grade, same as district, 3rd grade, above district. 4th grade, above district, 5th grade, slightly below district. Kathy informed the council that the trend is; the students test strong in the fall, drop in the winter, then strong again in the spring.

SRI: Data compared to last year’s data. 2014 – 58% in the green. 2015 – 75% in the green.

SAGE: 3rd grade (LA and Math tested above the state) 4th grade (better than district) 5th grade (science – close to district, math and LA better than district)
Comparison of this year and last year as a school: LA 69-69 Math 72-76
Science 69-72

Fund Raiser (Golf Tournament)

It is Sunrise’s turn to receive funds from the annual City Golf Tournament fund raiser. Kathy suggested the money from this be put towards chrome book labs. If the school had three more chrome book labs, each grade could have one.

Volunteering in the Portuguese Classroom:

Some parents expressed frustration in not being able to help in the Portuguese speaking classrooms because they don’t know the language. Kathy informed the council that the Portuguese classes are doing very well. She likes to look at the need rather than the number of students in the classroom. The English speaking classes are many times where the need for help is.

Teacher Evaluation Change

Kathy Christiansen (School Board) informed the council that the teachers will not be evaluated on their students' scores. She congratulated Sunrise on all their great testing scores.

New Business:

Trust Funds:

Each year, Sunrise uses the Trust Land Funds to purchase five new computers (for teachers) and to employ more reading aides. The question was posed to the council; do we want to continue doing that?

Toni Gibbons proposed to continue with the ongoing tech replacement for teachers buying 5 new computers a year.

Stefani Thatcher seconded the motion

All in Favor

Meeting Adjourned

Toni Gibbons moved to close the meeting

Becky Chadwick seconded the motion

All in favor

Next Meeting: March 14th, 2016