

Emerson Elementary Eagles



School Community Council

Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2017

Emerson Library

5:30 PM

Attending:

Joselyn Bates, Suyin Chong, Kim Korinek, Randall McCracken, Dylan Neyme, Allison Nicholson, Sara Smith, Crystal Young-Otterstrom, Felix Vazquez, April Reynolds, Elizabeth Silva, Lori Swenson, Elizabeth Payne, Debra Kofford, Kristen Bayles

Principal's Report

The teachers received district professional development/training on math and some other subjects, including writing frameworks and using the Illuminate system. The faculty has also been getting trained on mindfulness, and using the Mind Up program. The school had fall DIBELS testing. SEPs are next week, and they are also gearing up for Day of the Dead.

SIC Report

At its last meeting, the SIC discussed teachers covering recess, and the issue of students in hall before the bell and that they should be with a parent. They also discussed how to enact improved procedures for fire drills, and will focus on emergency procedures at next.

PTA Report

Elizabeth Payne reported on the walk a thon, where they raised roughly \$13,500 with more trickling in. They also rely on other fundraisers, but this is largest. Upcoming events include the book fair and providing teacher dinner for SEPs, the reflections contest, and Day of the Dead.

2017-18 SCC Membership (Introduction of New SCC Members)

Allison discussed the general duties of the SCC and the types of issues they have worked on in the past few years. Kim Korinek, Randall McCracken, and Felix Vazquez were welcomed as new voting members of SCC. Kimberly Venable is also a new member, but was out of town for the meeting. It was reiterated that all people are welcome at SCC, regardless of whether they are voting members or not.

SCC Overview and Planning

The SCC discussed whether they should continue to meet at locations in different parts of the city to accommodate families and committee members who live in different areas. Questions were raised about whether there was additional attendance when the SCC met at different locations. There was discussion about the reason why the SCC would continue to use alternation locations, and some felt that it was important to respect the geographic diversity of the schools, given that there are two different

magnet programs that bring in students from all over the district. It was felt that accommodating various stakeholders and making an effort is a good way to build community. The SCC also talked about ways to get information out about upcoming meetings, including through School Messenger, the Facebook page, and the website.

Teacher Support

The SCC continued to discuss the issue of how we can support Emerson teachers. They discussed ways to ensure that Emerson teachers were nominated for different outside awards, as well as how teachers can be supported and recognized in the school. Ideas included creating a survey, recognizing a teacher of the month, and having a dedicated bulletin board space in the school. Marianne, Kim, Sarah, and Allison are interested in following up and potentially creating a subcommittee to discuss this idea further.

Other Issues

SCC member identified issues to discuss further, including class sizes, especially in certain grades of the IP program, bullying, and the traffic around the school associated with drop-off and pick-up times.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held November 8, 2017 at 5:30 at the Marmalade Library.