School Community Council
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2019
Emerson Library
5:30 PM

Welcome/Introductions
Voting members absent: Ryan Bock, Cameron Cova, Alyson Eddie, Kim Korineck, Randall McCracken.

Principal’s Report
- April reported on the budget – Eureka Math will be a large expenditure yet to come, as well as the PE teacher.
- Everyone is gearing up for Art Night, getting the pottery ready.
- There was a STEM Spy Hop assembly, which was a game show format, and also a positive behavior assembly, Ned.
- They had brain awareness week. 3rd and 6th grade participated this year.
- Testing window opened on Monday, and will occur over the next several weeks

SIC Report
- There is $20,000 to spend on technology; and Amy sent out a survey to solicit options from teachers. They will replace desktop computers in classrooms.
- They reviewed the calendar options from the District, and voted on option 1, which had the fall break added back in.
- Some faculty were complaining about assemblies on short days, but 70% of the faculty was ok with this. SIC will keep this in mind and try to avoid it if possible
- Lots of kids have been riding scooters in the halls, and there has also been some vandalism, so they discussed teachers reviewing expectations with students.

PTA Report
- PTA helped with K registration, and they had a lot of parent volunteers.
- A parent has brought an idea forward about having a day without screens, so they are talking about options.
- The yearbook is almost done. 5th and 6th graders have been working on it.
- PTA is working on the bake sale for Art Night.
- Teacher appreciation week is being planned.
• You can still sign up for the food donation/recovery fridge.
• Kimberly mentioned the program called Blessings in a Backpack, and wondered if it were something Emerson could implement.

Discuss / Final Vote on Land Trust Plan
April discussed the language in the final plan, and committee asked questions and discussed the plan.

Motion: Jana moved to approve the plan, and Felix seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with 5 voting SCC members absent.

Memorialize Heather Bennett
Heather's son, Sam, discussed Heather's passion for education, her service on the school board, how she came to be involved in the local school board, and ways the family is thinking about memorializing her. She was a voracious reader, loved poetry. She prioritized kids needs and always stood up for Emerson and helped Emerson parents with their issues. We could do a book nook in the library. Suyin and Crystal will talk to Elizabeth about PTA partnering on this. We will also have some buddy benches, so one of those could be memorialized for her. We could also plant a tree. We could have an event, like a poetry assembly, or older kids who participate in Poetry Out Loud could come and do an event for our kids.

Legislative Session Impacts to SCC
Crystal reviewed education-related issues that were passed in the 2019 legislative session, including education funding, tax reform, school board elections, school improvement plans, school safety, and digital citizenship and safety.

Annual Review of Dress Code
Teachers reported that the enforcement is clearer, and they have not had as many complaints since it was made more gender-neutral. The Committee made a few minor changes.

Motion: Lori moved to approve the changes to the Dress Code policy, and Sara seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with 5 voting members absent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

The next meeting will be Wednesday May 8, 2019, 5:30 PM at the Emerson Library.