



Dolvin Elementary School Governance Council

Meeting Minutes, October 2, 2018

Called to order at 7:07 a.m. – Present were:

Oma Anuebunwa, Karen Berry, Kristina Clement, Karen Cooke, Emily Davis, Colleen Greathouse, Jane Li, Shelly Noles, Jennifer Shaffer, and Jessica Stewart; Guest: Megan Endicott

Approve Agenda

Karen Berry made the motion to approve the agenda; Jane Li seconded.
Unanimously approved.

Approved September Meeting Minutes

Jessica Stewart noted that her name was spelled incorrectly on the minutes.
Jane Li made the motion to approve the minutes; Karen Berry seconded.
Unanimously approved.

Introduce New Appointed Community Member

Karen Cooke introduced Oma Anuebunwa who will serve as a community member on the SGC.

Cross Council Community Debrief

Shelley Noles and Jessica Stewart attended the cross council training, which will be held at least two more times this year. During the training, a new strategic plan monitoring tool was introduced to help councils evaluate their effectiveness. The monitoring tool will be posted on the website in February and includes the criteria for Exceptional Councils. Council members were encouraged to seek public input and hold community nights to better facilitate communication with the community.

Strategic Plan and Principal's Update

First parent coffee was held for kindergarten parents. Thirty parents participated in the event, which was marketed as a boot camp for parents to learn about the GKIDs, report cards, etc. Parents gave feedback on potential future sessions on preparing for 3rd grade Milestones and dealing with anxiety and stress.

A license was purchased for "Inner Explorer" mindfulness application, which is being piloted by thirteen teacher this year. Students and teachers will participate in a five to eight-minute guided mindfulness exercise through the application. Jennifer Shaffer mentioned that this worked well with the PBIS and 7 Mindsets initiatives.

A Partnership with Summit Counseling will provide in-house counseling for families. The group will meet with families in their home or library to help them deal with children experiencing trauma.

The 7 Mindsets will be leading the school in Socktober initiative to collect socks.

Students working with Jennifer Shaffer are currently creating videos to model PBIS.

Suggestion to add something about the SGC in the Dolvin Diary and on the Dolvin main webpage to communicate with the community.

Suggestion was made to coordinate no homework nights in conjunction with spirit nights.

Officer and Committee Training

Trainings for each committee will be taking place in the first week in November. Committee chairs and members are encouraged to attend. Signups are available online and Jessica Stewart will forward the link to the committee.

Schedule Committee Meetings

It was decided the committees would wait to meet until after the SGC trainings.

The Budget and Finance Committee will meet on November 12, 7 a.m.

The Community Outreach Committee will meet on November 13, 7 a.m.

Community Partnership Assessment

Karen Cooke introduced the list of community partners that had been created. Discussion about the role of each of the partners indicated it was unclear how they fit within the mission of the SGC. Karen Berry volunteered to contact Heather Swearingen to get some history and clarification on the community partnerships.

Set Meeting Agenda

The following items were suggested for the November 7, 2018 meeting:

Partnership discussion

PBIS and Strategic Plan Discussion

Strategic Plan Update

Chair and Committee Training

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Jennifer Shaffer and seconded by Emily Davis. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 a.m.