

Esther Jackson Elementary School Governance Council

Minutes for May 14, 2020

Members Present: Regina Bowie, Nikol Boyd, Rachael Lee, Helen Loiacono, Emilie Long, Christopher Massie, Juliana Pedraza, Erin Shurbutt, Mike Thomas, Kim Sonderman

Members Absent: n/a

Guest(s): Erin King

Call to Order: At 5:10 pm the meeting was called to order.
No public in attendance for public comment.

Approve Agenda:

- Mike Thomas motioned to approve the agenda and Rachael Lee seconded.

Approve Minutes:

- Regina Bowie motioned to approve the minutes and Kim Sonderman seconded.

Business:

- The Council discussed the Student Achievement and People & Culture portions of the Strategic Plan, including overall progress and areas for continued improvement.

Student Achievement

- For the current school year, i-Ready data showed growth in 65% of students at the midyear point.
- I-Ready will be used in place of Milestones data to show evidence of progress due to no milestones administered in 2020.

People & Culture

- 74.5% of families would recommend Esther Jackson Elementary
 - 8 new community partnerships were developed over the past year with additional partners being added – Esther Jackson Community Foundation.
- The Council reviewed the results from the SGC Self-Assessment survey and discussed opportunities for growth based on the data.

Strengths

- Creating & Monitoring Strategic Vision
- Operating legally and ethically
- Active participation from all council members

Areas of Growth

- Seek diverse viewpoints from members of the community
- Communicating the work of the council to stakeholders
- Goal for 20/21 SY: Engage stakeholders

Principal's Update:

- Social-Emotional Learning component that will be added in 2020/2021 with a start scheduled for the Fall.
 - The program addresses whole child development.
 - There will be parent, family, and student platforms.
- Release days being replaced with PD opportunities for staff during the scheduled school day to ensure students have more time in school.
 - There will be 8 PD days throughout the year with a 1-hour delay in start time.
 - Students may be dropped off at the regularly scheduled time and the school will have engaging activities available.
 - The board voted for 8 this year and will look at increasing them in the future.
- Ms. Boyd reported that all volunteers will need to complete training before volunteering this coming school year as the system is refreshed every two years. Once training is complete, individuals will need to present their ID at the front desk before volunteering at the school.
- Ms. Boyd shared three possible learning scenarios for upcoming school year due to COVID-19 pandemic. The County is working out processes, policies, and procedures for each of the three scenarios listed below. Currently, there is no deadline for when a determination will be made.
 - **Face-to-Face** with adjustments to daily activities such as routine cleaning and disinfecting as well as the introduction of social distancing and students and staff being encouraged to wear masks.
 - **Virtual learning** with additional structures and scheduled put in place. All schools will use the same guidelines to increase equity for all students within the district.

- **Blended Model** that would have students reporting in face for two days out of the week with virtual learning on non-face-to-face days.

At 6:36 pm Rachael Lee motioned to end the meeting and Emilie Long seconded.

Approved:

Minutes from April 16, 2020

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Next Meeting

July 30, 2020 – new member, James Holle, will be introduced and voting will take place for community member.