

.Esther Jackson Elementary School Governance Council

Minutes for August 19, 2020

Members Present: Regina Bowie, Nikol Boyd, Megan Cherfoli, James Holle, Rachael Lee, Helen Loiacono, Emilie Long, Erin Shurbutt, Mike Thomas, Christine Thompson

Members Absent: n/a

Guest(s): n/a

Call to Order: At 4:04 pm the meeting was called to order.
No public in attendance for public comment.

Approve Agenda:

- Rachael Lee motioned to approve the agenda and Emilie Long seconded.

Approve Minutes:

- Regina Bowie motioned to approve the minutes and Rachael Lee seconded.

Business:

Introduction of New Members

- Christine Thompson, Kindergarten Teacher, was introduced as the newest appointed staff member to serve on the council for 2020-2022.
- James Holle, Parent, was introduced as the newest Parent Representative voted in to serve on the council for 2020-2022.
- Meghan Cherfoli, Parent, was introduced as the newest member vote in by the council to replace Juliana Pedraza for 2020-2021.

Elect New Officers

The council voted on the following officers:

- Parliamentarian: Rachael Lee
 - Ms. Lee will train another council member (TBD) throughout the year to transition to parliamentarian when she rolls off in July, 2021.

Approved-Regina Bowie motioned to approve this appointment Emilie Long seconded.

Standing Committees

- The council discussed and determined members of the three standing committees:

Outreach & Communication

1. Emilie Long -Chair
2. Christine Thompson
3. Regina Bowie
4. Megan Cherfoli

Budget & Finance

1. Mike Thomas
2. James Holle
3. Helen Loiacono
4. Erin Shurbutt
5. Nikol Boyd

Principal Selection

1. Erin Shurbutt-Chair
2. Rachael Lee
3. Regina Bowie
4. Emilie Long

SGC Dollars Update

- In past years, SGC dollars have been attached to Milestones data. There is no data to report from 2019-2020, therefore all schools will receive \$30,000 to spend during 2020-2021 SY.
- The council engaged in a discussion on how to spend the funds. The question posed was, "How can we use these funds to best support our students?"
 - Enhancing the outdoor playground and outdoor classroom was discussed by council members.
- Ms. Boyd ask members to think about next steps, what needs to be done and how do we proceed. Members were asked to think this through and bring their suggestions to the next meeting for vote.

Empathy Protocol:

- Ms. Shurbutt led the council through the August meeting exercise: Building Empathy for our Users.
- Members of the council reflected and shared about changes they have made in their lives due to COVID-19 and how they feel about the changes.

- Council members were asked to think about how their collective experiences can be used to support our community this school year. Further discussion will follow-up during the September SGC meeting.

Principal's Update:

- EJES has been gifted \$2,000 from the Martin's Landing 50th anniversary committee to be use for school supplies.
- Ms. Boyd reported that the transition to Universal Remote Learning (URL) has been successful. She asked the parents on the council to share their initial thoughts and feedback for continued improvement.
- With the exception of 5 students, all students in grades 3-5 have been provided with a device. A plan is in place for those remaining students to pick up their device.
- Hotspots have been made available to students with no access to Wi-Fi.
- Ms. Boyd shared that the School Board will be meeting to discuss the opening of phase 1 of Face-to-Face learning. Phase 1 will include special needs students and those in Pre-K – 2nd grade who will attend for 90-minutes in a classroom with up to 3 other students. Masks will be required for all individuals inside the building.
- Ms. Boyd will be putting out a request for students to handwrite her a letter about their URL experience and send it in the mail as a way to connect with students and encourage students to practice writing letters.

At 5:30 pm Emilie Long motioned to end the meeting and Mike Thomas seconded.

Approved:

- Minutes from July 30, 2020 meeting
- Agenda for August 19, 2020 meeting
- Parliamentarian officer

Next Meeting

September 24, 2020 @ 4:00 pm

Discussion Items: SGC dollars, Phase 1 learning, Device distribution for 2nd grade students