

Esther Jackson Elementary School Governance Council
Minutes for March 18, 2021

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

Members Absent: Regina Bowie

Guest(s):

Call to Order: At 4:02 pm the meeting was called to order.

Approve Agenda:

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

Approve Minutes:

- James Holle motioned to approve the minutes and Mike Thomas seconded.

Business:

Outreach Committee Update/SGC Exercise

- The Outreach Committee provided an update on the status of elections and declarations.
 - Currently spreading the word through Social Media and school communications to include “Getting to Know You” pieces about each candidate
 - Reminders will be sent via text, email, SPOTS and Principal Update letters
 - The voting window will open between 2/24/21 through 3/31/2021

Principal's Update

- Ms. Boyd shared that the 2021/2022 budget has been approved.
- Updates on Staffing
 - A Special Ed position is open due to retirement
 - There currently are no teacher surpluses, however one ESOL position has the potential to be surplusd.
- There was discussion about the enrollment for next year. There is a projection of 598 students. Currently, there are 550 students enrolled.
 - Kindergarten, 2nd, and 3rd grade are projected for 5 teachers but that might be affected by lower enrollment.

- Ms. Boyd shared that the school has applied for the Summer Transition Program (STP) through Bright from the Start. The STP is intended for students who have not attended pre-k or need additional instruction prior to entering Kindergarten.
- Summer School funding has been increased for this coming Summer to address learning loss due to the COVID pandemic. Teacher incentives include \$1,000 per session that is taught, as well as \$35/hour base pay.
- Ms. Boyd shared that Milestones testing will be happening this year, although there will be no penalizing for students who do not test due to virtual learning.

Outdoor Multi-Use Space

- The Tetherball sets and new benches have arrive and are awaiting installing.
- Basketball hoops and soccer goal ordering is in progress.
- A down payment has been put down for the fence extension and should begin installing in the next several weeks.
- Tamara and Matt Stevens, local community members, have agreed to donate the time and services for blacktop stenciling: hopscotch, 4 Square, Court Outlines for basketball
- There is \$15,000 dollars available to be spent. Some ideas discussed by the council include:
 - Picnic Tables (4 additional)
 - Shade structure for outdoor Amphitheatre
 - Trash Cans for outdoor space

At 5:18 pm Mike Thomas motioned to adjourn the meeting and Helen Loiacono seconded.

Approved:

- Minutes from February 19, 2021 meeting
- Agenda for March 18th, 2021 meeting

Next Meeting

Scheduled: April 22nd @ 4:00 pm