

Esther Jackson Elementary School Governance Council

Minutes for April 22, 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): Zach Vaughn

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

Approve Agenda:

- Christine Thompson motioned to approve the agenda and James Holle seconded.

Approve Minutes:

- Rachael Lee motioned to approve the minutes and Helen Loiacono seconded.

Business:

Council Self-Assessment/Principal Feedback Survey

- Members of the council took time to fill out SGC surveys for school year 2020-2021.

Council Member Updates

- The council participated in the Transfer of Knowledge protocol to ensure a smooth transition as members roll-off and new members join the council.
- Meghan Cherfoli and Zach Vaughan were elected as the parent reps during SGC elections. Mr. Vaughan joined the meeting as a guest to observe an SGC meeting.
- **Approved:** Ms. Boyd nominated Jill Vitagliano as the appointed school representative for the SGC. All members approved the nomination
- An additional SGC representative from the community will be appointed prior to July 2021. The council discussed various people who might be a good fit. There was discussion about appointing a community member who represents the diversity of our school community.

Principal's Update

- Ms. Boyd gave an update on the charter funds and completion of the outdoor multi-use space. All equipment/work is scheduled to be complete prior to the end of school year.
- There is approximately \$12,000 of unspent charter funds. Ms. Boyd is working on completing a purchase order and obtaining approval before the deadline for spending approaches.
- Esther Jackson has been certified as a Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) for excellence in the counseling program. The RAMP certification is awarded based on a commitment to delivering a data-informed school counseling program.
- Plans for end of year parties and celebrations will be finalized after the April meeting of the school board. Decisions will be made surrounding outdoor gatherings and parent participation.
- Esther Jackson has been approved to host the Summer Transition Program (STP) for rising Kindergarteners. The STP is intended for children who need additional support OR have not attended pre-k. The program will be taught by EJ Pre-K staff and includes transportation, meals, and full-day learning.
- Staff Update: Ms. Boyd informed the council that the search for an ESOL teacher and part-time TAG teacher is still ongoing.

At 5:08 pm James Holle motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mike Thomas seconded.

Approved:

- Minutes for March 18, 2021 meeting.
- Agenda for April 22, 2021 meeting.
- Jill Vitagliano was appointed as a school employee representative for 2021-2023.

Next Meeting

Scheduled: May 20th @ 4:00 pm