Foxboro Elementary Community Council

February 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE: Alisa Van Langeveld, Emily Clark, Kristian Wang, Emily Erdmann, Julien Pessin, Sally Ipson, Amanda Baker, Jamie Payne, Lazarus Adua, Marcia Young, Chris Whitaker, Valerie Dimas, Aimee Fautin

1. Welcome and Introductions
   1. Each person in attendance briefly introduced themselves
2. Review January Minutes
   1. Emily Clark reviewed the minutes from the January minutes. One adjustment did need to be made with regards to the council submitting a resolution to the legislature in support of the Legacy Parkway truck ban. Ms. Whitaker informed the council that it must remain neutral; therefore, no action regarding this issue will be taken by the council.
3. Community Council Responsibilities
   1. Alisa Van Langeveld reviewed the responsibilities of the community council
   2. District Meeting on March 27th
      1. School improvement plan needs to be done by this time
4. Program Updates
   1. Playworks
      1. The program works great when the coach is at the school
      2. Other playground equipment for students to use appears to be gone and not available during recess
   2. School Play
      1. Students did a great job
      2. Teachers considered the rehearsals to be disruptive, but everything was cleaned up once the play concluded
   3. Watch Dog
      1. Kristian Wang gave feedback about this time being the Watch Dog. He stated he received very little instruction and suggested more be given to those volunteering. His experience in the classroom depended on the teacher – some teachers ignored him. He said he received sufficient reminders before it was his day to volunteer.
      2. Council will submit feedback to Kelly Huber
   4. PTA
      1. Jamie Payne and Amanda Baker from the PTA were in attendance
      2. The council discussed current issues the PTA is facing, specifically lack of parental involvement/volunteers
      3. The council reviewed what activities could possibly be eliminated and gave ideas on how the PTA can communicate more efficiently with parents in hopes of generating more volunteers
5. Math Night
   1. March 21st
   2. Activities will only be in pods and not in any classrooms
   3. Community Council will provide estimation jars and will put them in the school office by March 15th
   4. PTA agreed to donate jars for council to use for estimation jars and to have those jars placed in Mr. Pessin’s classroom by March 1st
   5. Ms. Whitaker is going to contact LIA kids and to get their help running tables
   6. Emily Clark agreed to wander halls and watch over the jars during the night
   7. Amanda Baker from the PTA agreed to sit at the tables where people can purchase games.
6. School Improvement Plan Recommendations – READING and DIGITAL SCIENCE
   1. Review 2017-2018 plan and goals achieved in reading/Review 2018-2019 goals currently being implemented in Reading
      1. Sally Ipson was in attendance. She supports teachers in reading and writing. She provided Dibels Data for the school from 2017-2018 school year and the current school year.
   2. Digital Science
      1. Ms. Whitaker reviewed what is currently being done with digital citizenship, and the council stated it was happy with current policies/programs in place
   3. Suggestions and recommendations for 2019-2020 plan
      1. For reading, the council agreed much of what is being done to support reading should continue. More funds and time with aids would be helpful. A greater emphasis on the younger grades was suggested. iPads would be helpful
      2. For digital citizenship, adding an internet safety tab on the Foxboro website was suggested
7. Questions and Open Topics
   1. No additional questions or open topics were documented
8. Reviewed Action Items
   1. Emily Clark reviewed the action items
9. Upcoming Meeting Schedule
   1. No meeting in March due to Math Night
   2. April meeting was scheduled for April 11th
   3. May 23 – we will discuss the graduation parade and given an end of the year review

Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm