

Westland Elementary School Community Council

Meeting Minutes October 1st, 2018

Present: Neffy Nunley (Chair), Trisha Gourley (vice chair), Stephanie Grange (secretary), Adam Sagers (teacher), and Laurie Goodsell (Principal)

Start time 3:15pm / End time 4:05pm

1. Introductions of new members:

New member Stephanie Grange introduced. Per Laurie 2 more people were interested in being on the school community council but did not attend this meeting. Laurie will reach out to them to let them know the next meeting dates and if they are still interested in being on the school community council. Neff has been on the council for a few years now as well as Adam. No voting was taken place due to the lack of participating members, all member are voting members. No vote was taken place for chair or vice chair, Neffy assumed the position as chair from the previous year as well as Trisha assuming the position of vice chair. Neffy stated that it is an informal school community council. Stephanie was asked to be secretary and take the meeting notes. Stephanie agreed to take meeting notes.

2. New mission statement and student character development goals:

Principal Laurie stated that last year multiple teams as well as the leadership teams were working on improving the mission statement so it reflects the mission at Westland Elementary. The new mission statement is as follows (Please add mission statement here). There were some left over ideas that are still important to the schools and they are the Wild Cat Acronyms which are: work hard, include others, live to learn, develop confidence, contribute to the community, act kind and respectful, and take responsibility. One goal is by being more of a cooperative community among teachers.

3. Review of end of year testing data 2017-2018 school year:

Sage Assessment Scores 2017-2018 school year from 3rd grade to 6th grade

Grade	Language Arts	Math	Science	Notes
3rd	68%	58%	x	
4th	50%	51%	45%	Scores lower than previous year New 4 th grade team
5th	55%	64%	55%	
6th	65%	59%	x	No scores for science because they have not yet been released by the state Language arts scores went up

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However, it is not a clear picture of the school because the ALPS students' number are included. Laurie will have the numbers upon the next meeting of how the ALPS kids did and how the rest of the school did. Westland is above the district average.

4. RISE – the test replacing SAGE

Stephanie asked how many kids opted out of the SAGE test last year, Laurie stated approximately 20 kids. Laurie talked about the new test that is coming out instead of the SAGE test called the RISE test. It is replacing the SAGE test. The RISE test is slightly different from the SAGE test because it is not adaptive in the beginning of the test and will ask the same questions to all the kids where as the SAGE test was adaptive immediately. After the first group of questions is answered then the RISE test is adaptive to the child. Neffy asked if the test came in Spanish so the children who speak a different language would have the same opportunity to do well vs just giving them an English test and expecting them to understand. Adam stated he will contact Brooke Anderson about the test and notify Laurie.

5. Cat tracks teachers collaboration and student intervention program

Cat sets aside time for teachers to collaborate as a team (example 1st grade team and so on) and to prep their lesson together so that one class is not left behind.

RTI rotations happen through the week. (I can't really explain either of these concepts) Heidi is _____ and is budgeted through the school community council funds. Neffy stated that \$3,500 was allocated for this program last year with the fundraising money done by the council.

Bubble math is a term used for kids who are identified by their teacher as on the edge of understanding the concept but not quite there. Those kids will be pulled out of the class by ____ for 15 min to help them go over concepts to help them get ahead and not fall behind.

STEAM is..... where every other Thursday 12 students per grade are pulled out of class to participate in Trisha asked if kindergarten was included per Laurie they are not at this time.

6. Boundary changes Q and A

Neffy stated that "this school does not do well with change" and where are we going to place the additional students? Neffy also asked if the class number will increase from the 20's to the 30's. Stephanie stated that in her daughters' class that they already had 27 students. Principal Laurie advised that council that the district is working on this and that if portables are needed then they will be provided and additional staff will be hired as needed. Laurie advised the council that there are dates held for discussion with the district that may be attended. Adam stated that the final decision will be made on Nov 13th by the Jordan School District board per the website. Neffy was concerned about the kids that are permitted in if they will be able to attend school next year with the influx of kids. This is to be determined later after the change has happened and if the school is able to accept the permitted kids. Laurie stated it looks like about 60 – 100 more students will be added to the school with the boundaries changes.

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7. Fundraising ideas for this year

Neffy suggested candy grams for valentine's day. Stephanie suggested butter braids. Fundraising ideas and what will be held will be determined at the next school community council meeting.

Stephanie asked about the safe walking route and noted that she does not see teacher out in the back with the playground. Adam advised stephanie that there are always teachers out and they should be wearing an orange vest. Stephanie stated she has not seen anyone out with an orange vest in the back of the school. Laurie stated she will remind the teachers to wear their vests so they can be identified. Stephanie also stated that there is no crossing guard in the back of the school and if that crosswalk was apart of the safe walking route? Laurie advised stephanie that it is apart of the safe walking route. Neffy suggested we call and get a crossing guard for that area. Stephanie also mentioned that she has seen kids crossing the street where there are lots of cars and it has been unsafe and someone is bound to get hit and asked how did the school teach the kids the safe walking route? Laurie was unable to answer how the kids were taught the safe walking route. Laurie stated she will pull the safe walking route for the next meeting and it will be discussed with the council.

Dates and times were set by the council for future meeting as follows,

- November 19th at 3:30pm in the _____
- January 7th at 3:30pm in the _____
- March 11th at 3:30pm in the _____

Stephanie motioned to dismiss the meeting, Neffy second motion and all were in agreeance.