

MIDVALLEY SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 2017 MINUTES

Meeting Date Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Time of Meeting 7:30 a.m.

Meeting came to order at 7:40 a.m.

Council Members Present

School Representatives

Tamra Baker - Principal

Vicki Houmand- Kindergarten Teacher

Parent Representatives

Becca Staker

Marli Steen

Brittany Halterman

Absent Zak Zabriskie

Agenda:

Welcome/Introductions

Select Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair: Becca Staker

Vice-Chair: Vicki Houmand

Set Meeting dates for the year

11/14/17, 1/17/18, 2/21/18, 3/21/18, 4/18/18 at 4:30.

Review Final Report - covers last year's implementation of 2015-16 School Improvement Plan

Last year's plan was approved to hire six paraprofessionals and one AmeriCorps coordinator to staff Power Hour and assist with Reading intervention. Principal Baker discussed Power Hour with teachers and staff and felt the school would be better served by hiring 5 reading aides for grades 1 - 4 (5th grade has class sizes sufficient for personalized instruction, and aides are already available for the Kindergarten classes) and allowing the aides to assist the teachers in working with at or above benchmark readers and the individual teachers will work with high risk students. The elimination of Power Hour frees up teacher's schedules and allows the trained teacher to work with the higher risk students and aides to work with other students under the direction of the teacher. Progress Monitoring is coming up and data will be reviewed by BLT (Building Leadership Team) and Principal Baker.

Distribution of final report to families

Final Report is on the Midvalley Elementary Website

Review School Data

A packet was given to each community council member of the SAGE data, reading scores and math composite scores. Council Members should review packet especially "data trends indicate" sections for the next council meeting. Data will be discussed and any questions answered.

Go over current year plan/implementation/budget

Principal Baker discussed the LEXIA reading software. Midvalley received a grant allowing use of the software, however because Midvalley doesn't have enough iPAD's for each student to have one, the school was not in compliance and not allowed to use the LEXIA software for the 2017-2018 school year. The council decided to use the remaining land trust money not used to pay for reading aides to purchase iPAD's to become compliant for the LEXIA software grant. The remaining money is not significant enough to purchase all the needed iPad's, but is a start. The money remaining from the land trust fund is due to the decrease in funding needed to employ the 5 hired paraprofessionals versus the 6 aides and Americorp coordinator planned for. The BLT will redesign the land trust plan.

Digital Citizenship

Midvalley has a teacher in charge of internet safety and responsibility. The teacher is in charge of internet safety week in February.

Membership Roster to District - Done!

Upcoming School Events

Red Ribbon Week and the Fundraiser are going on. Halloween parties and the Halloween parade (hopefully outside this year) are coming up.

Other Discussions

Principal Baker discussed other changes that have been implemented in the school. All bathroom doors have been removed. Individual stall doors remain, but bullying and discipline problems inside the bathrooms have decreased. Each class has a morning meeting where classroom issues and empathy are discussed - students have enjoyed the morning meetings. Also, lunchtime has been changed to allow the students to eat first and have recess last. Each class has 2 tables and students have 15 minutes to eat. Students that want extra time to eat can stay in the lunchroom until finished. Behavior / Discipline was also discussed. Midvalley hired a behavior aide to help with discipline issues in classrooms and on the playground. A check-in / check-out program has been implemented. Teacher and student (those in need of behavior monitoring) fill out a daily form that is reviewed by the behavior aide, if the student has 6 hard days, they go to visit the principal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

Next Meeting to be held Tuesday, November 14 at 4:30 p.m.