

MIDVALLEY SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 2020 MINUTES

Meeting Date Thursday, September 17, 2020

Time of Meeting 3:30 pm

Meeting came to order at 3:30

Council Members present

School Representatives

Tamra Baker - Principal

Rona Bresnahan - 1st Grade Teacher

Parent Representatives

Becca Staker

Kemi Sutton

Minutes:

Today's meeting was held online due to Covid-19 precautions.

Parent member Stephanie Williams was unable to attend today. We need a 4th parent member in order to have a complete council, per state guidelines of 4 parents and 2 school employees minimum. Everyone check with your contacts and try to get another member by October 1 (2 weeks).

Approved dates for SCC meeting for the remainder of 2020-2021 school year as follows:
Oct 22, Nov 19, Jan 21, Feb 18,, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20

Final reports for 2019-2020 school year are not due until Feb 5 this year, rather than October, due to not having any RISE testing or Pathways data from last spring.

Fall data vs. last February - 20% of in-person students need considerable catch-up, similar to what teachers expect in a normal fall after summer break. Teachers are seeing good gains being achieved already. Behavior problems have been at a minimum so far. Online student data is harder to obtain because it's up to them to log on. Some students haven't been online yet at all.

In November some students may shuffle classes when the first trimester ends Nov 17 and parents again decide whether to school in-person or online. The district and administrators are planning ahead to know how that process will work.

Becca brought up wanting school to go online if our school gets greater than 15 covid-19 cases, as the state health department has recommended. We're seeing Corner Canyon High School only move to half days instead of keeping students home. Mrs. Baker said that the virus is generally not transmitting at schools, but at outside events, in which case schools are a really clean, safe place for kids to spend their time. She worries that sending everyone home to do online school means some students will be playing with neighbors and not following Covid restrictions. Kemi pointed out that wherever kids are

catching the virus, they'll bring it into the school before they know they're sick. At least some parents would prefer to have school close for 2 weeks if we see many cases. Fortunately, other schools are currently going through the contact tracing and quarantining process, so we will be able to learn how much risk there is of the virus spreading in classrooms. Right now, Midvalley has 0 cases and 0 quarantine.

Current year plans - the school has what they need to implement the plan, except a committee is still ordering items with the TSSP money to complete the new maker space - technology and engineering related.

We're using the 95% program again this year for reading support - it was helping a lot of students last year until the year was cut short. A new reading strategy this year is scheduling English blocks at the same time across all grades, to enable flexible grouping of students on the same reading level.

At our next meeting we will discuss digital citizenship plan, and Mrs. Baker will invite Anna Taylor, Midvalley's digital citizenship teacher representative. However, the district has postponed Digital Citizenship Week because they have a new idea for it, so if we don't know what that is before October's meeting, we will likewise postpone our discussion of it.

Next meeting October 22, 3:30 pm.