

MIDVALLEY SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 2020 MINUTES

Date Thursday, October 22, 2020

Time 3:30 pm

Council Members present

Tamra Baker – principal

Rona Bresnahan – 1st Grade Teacher

Becca Staker – parent

Stephanie Williams – parent

Kemi Sutton – parent

Kara Shea – parent

Elect council chair, vice-chair

Stephanie Williams expressed willingness to serve as SCC Chair for the 2020-2021 school year, and was elected unanimously by the council. Kemi Sutton likewise as vice-chair. Becca Staker will serve as secretary.

District SCC training – online, Kemi, Rona, and Tamra reported having completed the training already. The SCC chair will report training attendance to the district by Nov 1.

Review school data

Behavior data is really positive this year. There have been very few office referrals, possibly due to several things: protocols with Covid-19 mean there is always an adult with students, the new building has better bathroom locations for monitoring behaviors there, and there haven't been any problems in the cafeteria at all.

Reading proficiency is good for the in-person learners. Online learners are more difficult to assess. Acadience data is good, and the 95% program for weekly reading monitoring shows good progress. Working in small groups across grades where abilities coincide has begun with groups of no more than 5. Our instructional aides are working in classrooms with desks, rather than around small group tables, to enhance social distancing. Materials have been purchased and provided for those classrooms.

Upcoming events

Nov. 1 – district window begins to change learning method in elementary school. Tamra has a waiting list for at least 4th grade of students who want to switch from online to in-person. She hasn't heard of people wanting to switch the other direction, but we'll see what happens. There is a possibility that teacher assignments could change with the new trimester depending on how numbers shake out.

The school basically has to re-register everyone. They will keep as much continuity as possible for students who aren't changing their learning preference.

Anything else

Covid cases – our school's quarantines are all due to an adult or older sibling at home with the illness.

Fridays for the teachers were really needed as a work/coordination day and are being used heavily to extend online support. It's such a positive change for the staff, and they appreciate the school board listening to teachers and making the change.

On the single at-home learning Friday we've had, students who are doing their reading with a different grade received incorrect spelling and reading materials – the ones from their actual grade and not the group they're learning with. The teachers will try to coordinate that better, but the easiest way to fix it might be a quick email to the teacher that has the correct materials.

Midvalley has seen more late registrations than usual this year, with students trickling in quite late. This could be due to job changes at different times, making parents move their families during the school year.

Rona recommended a parent who may be interested in serving on the SCC to replace Kara, who is focusing on PTA this year instead. Kara knows this parent and will send contact info to Stephanie. Kara will invite some other 2nd grade parents she knows if this one declines.

Sprinklers on the east side of the building have been on as children are walking to school in the mornings. Tamra says the contractor should already be talking to the landscaper to change the timing. Let her know if it keeps happening.