Peruvian Park Elementary School Community Council

Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2019

In attendance: Melinda Bezdjian, Heather Watson, Heather McEntire, Karina Park, Leslie Jewkes, Annette Marchant

- 1. Review and approve minutes from both the September 2019 and October 2019 meetings.
 - Leslie Jewkes moved to approve
 - Karina Park seconded
- 2. Discuss Council member attendance
 - o Bylaws state that members can miss up to three meetings per year.
 - o After 2-3 absences, fellow SCC members will review absentee member's membership
 - Determine if it is still beneficial for the SCC.
 - SCC will contact member in question to see if they still want to participate.
- 3. Update on budgets
 - Land trust
 - Going as expected on anticipated expenditures.
 - Part of budget is going toward new technology- also TSSA.
 - Need to replace first grade iPad and possibly a technology cart for approximately \$12000.
 - This will be the last equipment purchase using technology designated money.
 - o TSSA
 - Staff money has been allocated to where it will go for the year.
 - SALTA first grade helper
 - Fifth grade SALTA aids- two staff members designated to help
 - Doug (helper in copy room and recess) helping also with classroom reduction/assistants
 - 3rd and 5th grades
 - A lot of funding was supposed to be for SALTA materials
 - National Geographic (\$5034)
 - o Mixed up/cancelled orders/problems with customer service.
 - There will possibly be money left in this fund because of these issues
 - around \$1000
 - could consider putting toward assistants if necessary, to see them through the end of the year.

4. Cell Tower

- Last year's cell tower and this year's cell tower money to be allocated to teacher morale account.
- o Move to put cell tower money into principal's account by Karina Park.

- Seconded by Heather Watson.
- Six in favor- unanimous- motion is approved.
- 5. Digital Citizenship Plan of Action
 - o Amanda Diaz- is this year's school representative for digital citizenship
 - emailed tip of the month out to teachers (handout)
 - Addresses copyright material and permissions.
 - Questions
- A representative will present updated school technology plan to SCC.
- Do we feel like we have received enough info to feel that filtering systems are appropriate?
 - O What want them to do?
- Does SCC have enough information about school's efforts to be good digital citizens?
 - o Can track specific device to individual child
 - School staff can block an individual child from a site- teacher can see everyone's screen.
 - o SCC members agree there has been enough information given.
- What has school done to promote digital citizenship?
 - September 16- PTA Safety Week. PTA sent home printed information on digital safety and a link to a website promoting digital safety for the entire family.
 - O September 25- digital citizenship teacher representative (Amanda Diaz) hosted a table at parent teacher conferences.
- Netsmarts program will be coming in the spring.
- More information to come involving school safety plan- questions on which one/new one?
- 6. Update on completed parent surveys
 - o 103 responses received so far.
 - o Most feel welcome/very welcome at school.
 - Most feel staff members are respectful/very respectful.
 - Most feel happy about what their children are learning.
 - Common feedback- parents would like more follow up on how students are doing with certain assignments/projects.
 - Canyons has guidelines about homework:
 - About ten mins per grade level/per night.
 - Amount assigned is at the discretion of the teacher.
 - Parents should first go to the teacher with issues or questions.
 - Lowest scores- child feels supported in their emotional well-being: 10 percent disagree/strongly disagree/abstain
 - How can the school better address this issue?
 - Problems between students/reports of "bullying"
 - Give reminders of problem solving guidelines used at school to parentsdid you report it that day? Did you tell them to stop?
 - Continue to tell parents how things are handled at school and parents can reinforce it at home.

- System used at school may be uncomfortable but also teaches important social and life skills.
- Let parents know what happens when a report of an issue is received from a student.
- Already sending explicit parent emails about social skills/morning meeting discussions.
- Child is safe at school
 - Second lowest score
- Staff members respond to concerns
 - Most responses were strongly or mostly agree.
- Parents feel informed?
 - Most responses were mostly agree or strongly agree.
 - Some parents suggested using a single method of communication for teachers and parents- centralized process would be good.
- Less comments this year than in previous years.
- o Facebook reminder will be posted to encourage more responses to the survey.
- 7. Madrid way safety at school crossing update
 - o PTA requested help from members nearby that walkway.
 - Never heard back from anyone.
 - o Will enter as concern area in SNAP plan.
- 8. PTA Update
 - o Spell a thon going on now
- 9. Special study session on rebuilds of schools
 - o Nov 19-5pm at school board room.
 - o Possibly find out when Peruvian Rebuild will take place.
 - o SCC and PTA representation would be good.