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
   - Bylaws state that members can miss up to three meetings per year.
   - 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.
   - 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)
         - 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.
   - Move to put cell tower money into principal’s account by Karina Park.
5. Digital Citizenship Plan of Action
   - 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?
       - What want them to do?
     - Does SCC have enough information about school’s efforts to be good digital citizens?
       - Can track specific device to individual child
       - School staff can block an individual child from a site- teacher can see everyone’s screen.
       - 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.
       - 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
   - 103 responses received so far.
   - 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 parents- did 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.
  o Child is safe at school
    § Second lowest score
  o Staff members respond to concerns
    § Most responses were strongly or mostly agree.
  o 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.
  o 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.
   o 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.