

Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Meeting Location: Wheeler Library

Members present	Jody Lake, Dr. Rosalinda Rodriguez, Joseph Morgan, Betsy Skattie, Shauna Van Riper
Members absent	Shineeka Wilson
Constituency group represented	PTA Alisha Ambrosino

I. Called to order at 4:01 P.M. by Jody Lake

II. Approval of Minutes for January 10, 2024

DISCUSSION NOTES	Approval of Minutes
CONCLUSIONS	
ACTION ITEMS	
Approved by Dr. Rodriguez, Seconded by Shauna Van Riper	

III. Call to the audience.

DISCUSSION NOTES	<p>Joseph Morgan, Did the thing with reading 400 minutes get presented anywhere? Alisha Ambrosino, it will be a monthly thing until the end of the year.</p> <p>Joseph would like "someone" to be the person to send out the important information from the school. We are still struggling with communication. It would be nice to have a person to "look for" when the important things come through. It would be nice to have someone to count on.</p> <p>Betsy, as a parent I would be more willing to read something that was short and sweet.</p> <p>Joseph, Dojo is cumbersome, it's not as direct as an email. It is not user friendly as a recipient. One email is way more convenient. When the awards assembly was moved into the cafeteria an email would have been great.</p> <p>Judd – Would a class for parents in class dojo be helpful?</p> <p>Joseph – Yes, I don't think that my situation is unique.</p> <p>Lake – It's good for everyone have their own color of paper when sending things home.</p>
CONCLUSIONS	<p>Dr, Rodriguez – I am the person who does all the communication. The district is limiting us to one communication a week. One of the things that my staff and I talk about (I do newsletter, email and dojo once a month) a one week, this is what is happening this week. Problem with that is, class dojo came about because parents have 4 kids and teacher are using many different communications. We consolidated as a team to just use dojo. In dojo, we have breaks, meeting, and teachers can communicate with parents. Last year we did a forum is that parents still like something printed. It could be digital and be printed. PTA will send their newsletter to Dr. Rodriguez so that she can add it to dojo.</p>

IV. Reports

DISCUSSION NOTES	Principal's Report
CONCLUSIONS	<p>Front fence is being removed. Yeah! Finished installing the side one for safety purposes. Mr. Rodriguez is going to come and help weld a basketball court hoop and the chain for the new gate. We finished out Title 1 state paperwork for funding. Grade levels, then leadership look at everything and then we send the paperwork in. We were mostly 2s with a couple of 3s and teachers are ready to work on the 2s.</p> <p>Budget – the board decided to keep the MTSS position, we were cut \$100,000 from our Title 1 budget. This is because they over granted us last year by counting the preschool and TUVA students. We went from having money to having to use the money for the staff that we need. Counselor half will be paid by results-based funding. We will be able to bring everyone back but 1 and a half paraprofessionals. Results base funding will also be cut after this year. We may end up with only half a counselor after the 24-25 school year if they money doesn't come from somewhere else.</p>
ACTION ITEMS:	

V. Action Items

ITEM TITLE	Dr. Rodriguez is requesting \$1,000 for two-way radios
DISCUSSION NOTES	Dr. Rodriguez – we have 1 radio per grade level. Unfortunately, the batteries do not have a long life, tape only holds them for a little while. 3 radios and a few spare radios.
RESOLUTION	
Joseph Wilson made motion, Judd seconded, In favor –4 Opposed - 0	

ITEM TITLE	Dr. Rodriguez is requesting \$7,000 for a book vending machine
DISCUSSION NOTES	<p>Rodriguez – There is a lot of hype right now for schools to have vending machines. Kids can buy a book with a token. This cost will cover the vending machine and the books for a while. I tried to purchase it with Early Literacy Funding, but it was not allowed because it was not teaching reading, just encouraging, and fostering reading. It is not a necessity.</p> <p>Alisha – A lot of schools have them, scholastic books can be purchased with scholastic dollars and can be paid for by M and O. Each row is a grade.</p> <p>Joseph – What would the criteria be different that the MTSS?</p> <p>Skattie – Yes, but they could earn a token from MTSS for the machine.</p> <p>This would be a machine for everyone.</p> <p>Shauna – Could parents come and buy the books? No because we would not be able to use this money for it.</p> <p>Joseph – This is not vacating any other purchase? No</p> <p>Lake – Do you have a breakdown of cost? Don't have it but it could be less if we don't purchase books.</p>
RESOLUTION	
Joseph made motion to approve, Skattie seconded, In favor – 4 Opposed - 0	

ITEM TITLE	Shineeka Wilson and Shawna Van Riper are requesting \$7,000 for playground balls and portable bleachers
DISCUSSION NOTES	<p>Alisha – Parents came up at sporting events and asked for bleachers and PTA does not have the funding.</p> <p>Rodriguez - Bleachers are part of the package that the bond has passed so they are going to be provided. Purchasing is saying that we must submit all capital items now, the deadline is a week away. We have lots of sports equipment, Ms. Stella used to bring them out but without her we have not been bringing them out. We will have people start bringing them out. They have a new pump too. Kids have also been throwing them at each other and some students are getting hurt.</p> <p>Judd – possibly doing some funding with PTA to raise enough money.</p> <p>Rodriquez – Looking into us not being a “park” but it probably won’t happen because we have the BB courts, and the park does not.</p>
RESOLUTION	
Shauna made motion to dismiss this request, Dr. Rodriguez seconded, In favor – 4 Opposed -0	

Discussion/information items

ITEM TITLE	Tax Credit Report
DISCUSSION NOTES	Undesignated funds Amount: \$40,615.59
RESOLUTION	

ITEM TITLE	School Uniforms
DISCUSSION NOTES	<p>Rodriguez – School board meetings have set out a new dress code, students can wear anything they want as long as the undergarment is covered. This year, we are going to have to ride the wave and to see how far these (especially 3-5) grade students push the limits. I would like to have uniforms. They can be jeans, blue shorts, and khaki bottoms and tops that are polos of a certain color or Wheeler shirts. Economically people may not be able to afford the uniforms. The church can help out, we can do a clothing drive. As a school I don’t want to have my staff enforce the students coming to school half naked.</p> <p>Joseph – Public may give push back when they see uniforms but if you start with the board dress code policy then you may have more parents onboard.</p> <p>Rodriguez – Will put together a form and have a Q and A session with the public and community. We can do colors on the form and see what is voted for. We have reason to adhere to no polos because of sensory issues. We can set the parameters. There is another big plus to this, socio economic class. It helps level the playing field.</p> <p>Lake – Does a form that parents sign in agreement of dress code work? Yes, that would also work.</p> <p>Skattie – request, no white. It’s a huge problem.</p> <p>Ambrosino – bb shorts if they are the color.</p> <p>The flexibility of the uniform could be what helps.</p>
RESOLUTION	

- VI.** Submission of items for next agenda.
 - a. Uniform reports and then action item.
 - b. Voting for next year.
 - c. Discussion: class dojo information meeting.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:19P.M. by Dr. Rosalinda Rodriguez