

LIGHTHOUSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Advisory Council Minutes 1.17.24

2:30pm LES media Center

Attendance:

Members: Randi Karmin, Tammy Trivison, Ariel Dlugasch, Nina Montez, Diana Docea, Jean Longenecker, Linda Wills, Danielle Kinard-Friedman, Chris Capute, Kristin Finley, Valerie Gorkova, Lauren Fuenzalinda, David Torres

Non-members: Lori Brimanson, Crystal Merritt, Hayley Malmouth

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Lighthouse Elementary School Advisory Council was held in the LES Media Center on 1.17.24. Tammy Trivison called the meeting to order at 2:38 pm. Randi Karmin will record minutes for this meeting.

Minutes:

Review minutes from the last meeting 11.15.23. Motion to approve Linda Wills. Second Kristin Finley. All approved. No opposed.

New Membership:

SAC Danielle Kinard-Friedman – Linda Wills nominate, Diana Docea second – All Approved. No Opposed

Old Business:

Budget Update: \$1,129.03 in account

New Business:

Funds Request: none at the time.

A+ Money: Mrs. Echeri – we have got A plus money from the state. The amount is not determined. Approx \$106k, however it may go up or down. State suggests the employees at LES should vote on spending and then Get approved from SAC – Once determined exact dollars will confirm. All school staff participates - including non-instructional. Money is used as bonus for teachers 22/23 school year. 80% goes to instructional employees and 20% to non-instructional. Some staffing who work longer hours get a share more. **How do we get A+ money?** – given by state testing done at Beacon – grades and scores we benefit from their score. So testing results drive the funding.

Rankings up/down drives funding.

Staff in agreement on division of funds.

Motion for a + money to be distributed as per staff approval. Jean Longenecker motion, Kristin Finley second. All approved. No opposed

Grade Level updates:

Mrs. Gamache – no update today

Mrs. Wills - 1st grade update: Unit 5 non-fiction unit informational. How does technology help us. Math learning about place value combining 10 and 1s. Social Studies- learning about US symbols

Mrs. Capute – 2nd grade. Unit 5 non-fiction – technology/inventors. Opinion writing. Finished science unit on matter and MLK Jr. Beginning talks of Ellis Island Event. Convert Pavilion into Ellis Island as immigrants into US. Split day. Fits into social studies/unit.

Principal's Update:

PM 2 – percentages looking terrific high 80s % at or above level – before last year only I-ready available for testing/planning on students who need intervention. SIP at mid-year and so far so good.

I-ready reading tutorial funded and added to program.

VPK application process open – lottery system. Currently 40 VPK slots (30 Gen Ed - 10 as IEP inclusion) working on funding for third VPK classroom. Addition of fine arts to VPK schedule. Music, Media. Also have 2 ese pre-k rooms. Electronic application sent out early FEB – one month window – but selected as lottery. Preference to staff, district employees, and siblings.

New staff hires – ITSA position still open – looking for new paraprofessionals.

Q: cafeteria monitor – just hired new monitor. Has two vacancies, one filled. Miss Janiah- started today, she is currently an aftercare counselor.

PTO:

Sweetheart Dance - 2.9.24. Seeking prize donations & volunteer sheet goes out soon. Tickets limited

Boys Night Out 3.8.24 - at Astro Skate - also avail online only

DINE FOR CASH TONIGHT – Bahama Bucks & Stadium Grill

Sign-ups go out monthly - still need ongoing volunteers

PUBLIC FORUM:

Valerie ideas to share

1. *VG stating as per District, Teachers notified and educated not to use the three cueing (cueing) system. Not allowed to buy materials any more. County has stopped purchasing materials.* LHES – no longer uses meaning/syntax/visual regarding errors. Last couple years' research driven – removed that. All teachers will be trained. In schools running records. Benchmark or LLI – MSV may still be on the paper but it's no longer used. LLI is used for students needing intervention in comprehension and text processing. SPIRE and other phonics program will be used if primary concern is Phonics. Since AUG 2023 running records started being updated – if they have MSV its to be ignored. Now we have adopted phonics based program like spire.
2. *VG - How can parents influence their homeroom teacher to not do this.* But main focus is on phonics. Concern about a teacher, suggestion is to set up a conference.

Next Meeting Date & Time:

The next meeting will be held on at 2:30pm in the LES Media Center on March 13, 2024

Meeting Adjournment:

Tammy Trivison motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 First- Kristin Finley, Second-Diana Docea
- Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Randi Karmin

Secretary, LES SAC

Approval date: 1/18/2024