

School Council Meeting Minutes

Peter Howell Elementary School

Date of Meeting: September 12th, 2023

Members Present: Lona Chacon, Jaquetta Alexander, Cynthia Cave, Nancy Huff, Jeanne Dugan, Lucy Patterson, Kristen Ginter, Reyna Montano

Members Absent: Amanda Leighton

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 3:18 P.M. by Mrs. Chacon.

II. Call to Audience – No audience

III. Principal's Report – Students enrolled 250 with preschool 268.

Last year we made decision to split our large second grade classroom into two small 3rd grade classrooms, the students had been together to long and because of COVID there were some academic gaps and when we resumed in person there were some behavior issues.

We put our two small 3rd grade classrooms into one 4th grade classroom.

We need to hire a TA for our fourth-grade classroom, which currently has 30 students because of new students registering, still under consensus.

Hopefully the 3rd grade will continue to grow, and we can add a classroom teacher and 4th will be able to go into the two 5th grade classrooms next year.

We have hired for our Outdoor Learning Specialist, just waiting on references.

We have three positions open in our EX ED self-contained classrooms. We have hired for 1 position and need two more, which are currently staffed by an outside company (Maxum).

District requires that all volunteers be screened. Only individuals who are prescreened and approved can volunteer. We do have an application that needs to be filled out for volunteers. If someone is just going to participate, like our luncheon with loved ones, they would not need to fill one out. If they are going to do something, like make copies, handout items they would need to fill one out. Only caveat is Reading Seed as they have their own screening process that is more involved, so they can continue their process. Outside of school hours individuals do not need application, unless it is student involved then it would be a sanctioned event and applications would need to be filled out.

Parent Teacher conferences next week and then 2 weeks we will be at the end of 1st quarter.

AC is working with only minor bleeps; things have gone well this year so far.

Irrigation is our biggest issue in courtyard, it has not worked correctly for years.

IV. Discussion items –

1. Stories that Soar – This program motivates and encourages students to write. We are applying for the highest level, so we can get them to come and act out a story that was created by students. We approved \$2500 dollars at last Site Council meeting in May, but we were short \$500 for the total cost. Mrs. Ginter asks if we have funds. Mrs. Alexander explains that we do have the funds and because we are a Title 1 school we get this program cheaper, then the \$8000.00 price.
2. November Agenda items – We will add Community Report and to Action items, approval of Council By-Laws.

V. Action items

1. Budget Journal - Use of undesignated tax credit funds.

- a. Vote to use of \$500.00 of Howell undesignated tax credit funds to pay for Stories that Soar. Ms. Huff moves that we use \$500.00 of Tax Credit monies from Undesignated funds to pay for Stories that Soar. See Discussion above.

Motion by Huff / Second by Cave

Final Resolution – Motion passed.

Yes Votes – Alexander, Dugan, Ginter, Huff, Cave, Patterson,
Montano

- #### **VI. Adjournment:** Mrs. Chacon adjourns meeting at 3:39 P.M. – Next meeting is November 14th at 3:15.