School Council Meeting Minutes

Peter Howell Elementary School

Date of Meeting: November 18th, 2025

Members Present: Lona Chacon (Facilitator), Jaquetta Alexander (Principal), Nathalye
Alvarado (Certified), Jeanne Dugan (Classified), Lucy Patterson (Certified),
Kristin Ginter (Parent), Nancy Huff (Community), Kristen Buus (Classified)

Members Absent: None

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 3:20 P.M. by Mrs. Chacon.

II. Call to Audience – No audience

III. Principal's Report -

Staffing – 3-5 Self-contained classroom vacant since beginning of year. It was filled for a short time by contract employee. It was currently run by our amazing paraprofessionals with support from Mrs. Chacon and our other self-contained staff. We have now hired a teacher, Melissa Bryant, who started yesterday. First grade has been split into two classes and that is running smoothly. Fourth grade – teacher has not returned and after a month and a couple of days we have been able to interview and hopefully within a couple of days we will be able to announce the position has been filled.

Override – There are 6 areas: Compensation – 4 step salary increase for TDR-A employees (Teachers and Exceptional Education Teachers). \$250 supplemental increase for TDR-A and TDR= B employees and a 4% increase for all other employees. CTE – High school specific, adding instructional specialists. Well Being – Counselors and Social Workers and addition to PE instructors. Empowering – Adding 5 new full day pre-school classrooms. Nurturing Success

- Reading and Math interventionists. Future Achievements – focusing on student attendance, \$2000 stipend for liaison.

Bond dollars – Air conditioner portion - target is to be finished by June. There are 6 schools on this list, we should be on that list. Safety concerns brought up are the ever-increasing Goat Heads on the playground.

IV. Community Report -

Halloween Parade was awesome. There was neighborhood meeting last week and we discussed how we can make it even better. More flyers will be put out, encourage more neighbors to be out. Participation was great and thank you to Howell for being there. Hopefully, good contacts were made, it is all about

community building. Our Ave and Alvernon meeting is tomorrow night. It will be the last one with Karen Ulich, as our City Council person, she was asked to attend to wrap up her time in office and discuss what we may expect in the future with Miranda Shubert. It will be tomorrow at 6pm at Ward 6. Concerns of the homeless moving back into midtown as the Hundred Acre Wood has been cleared up. We don't have answers, but we have discussed with the police, not sure what they can do. We cleaned up the community a week ago Saturday, I took a walk and there were empty Narcan boxes and trash everywhere. There is a dumpster right there, so it is discouraging. Construction on 5th, is taking awhile to complete. It is going from Country Club to Wilmot and should be completed by March 2027. We have a beautiful Mural on the corner of Alvernon and 5th.

V. Discussion items -

- 1. Agenda Items for next meeting
 - a. Vote for second semester clubs
 - b. Budget Review
- VI. Action items

None

VI. Adjournment: Mrs. Chacon adjourns meeting at 3:58 P.M. – Next meeting is December 5th at 3:00pm in the library.