

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: 1/21/21

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 4:33 p.m.

Place of Meeting: conducted via Zoom link sent by Principal King

Council Members Present: Mike Johnson (Chair), Sarah Buck (Vice-Chair), Teresa Koontz (Parent), Nichole Archer (Parent), Kat Martinez (Parent), Todd Morlock (Parent), Jennifer King (Principal), April Johnson (Teacher), Mallory Poole (Teacher), Vangee Watts (Teacher)

Council Members Absent: Jadee Talbot (Parent)

Guests: Glo Merrill

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of minutes from the last meeting, 11/19/20 A motion was made to approve the minutes, as written, by Mike Johnson and was seconded by Mallory Poole.

2. Discuss Data (DIBELS, Benchmark Data, etc.)

- Principal King shared data from DIBELS and ELA and Math Benchmarks to give some insight to student performance, particularly since we do not have RISE data to examine this year.
- Mike Johnson asked how the pandemic has affected learning outcomes for students who are hybrid, online only, or in-person. Principal King reported that this has been challenging to fully track as there have been inconsistencies due to students changing their learning options over the three terms by many students.
- Mallory Poole reported students with IEPs were lacking support at home during Terms 1 and 2, more of our Special Education students have returned for Term 3.
- Principal King explained data from the benchmarks (ELA and Math) and why the data from the 2019-2020 school year and 2020-2021 school year may look so different. The benchmark tests have changed in length; they are shorter this year. Also, the Essential Standards were redefined at the end of last year and unified across the district for consistency and clarity. As such, the tests are not exactly the same so the data is more difficult to compare.
- Goal by the end of year is 80% proficient on our benchmarks.
- Currently the Benchmarks measure growth (for Terms 1-3). In Term 4 the goal is proficiency.
- One thing to keep in mind is that with our adoption of Eureka for math, the skills are now far more application based (not just computation based).

3. Begin discussion of items for next year's Land Trust plan

- Mike Johnson suggested reviewing last year's plan and revisiting it at the next meeting.

- April Johnson and Vangee Watts spoke to the effectiveness of tools and programs purchased with Trustland funds.
- Mike Johnson suggested finding out which programs are utilized and which ones are not, which programs are helping teachers to reach learning goals.

- Glo Merrill (gues) asked what Viewmont is doing that other schools are not. Principal King responded and mentioned many things. Some of those mentioned were our use of IXL (grades 4-6 for ELA, Math, and Science) and Brain Pop, Jr (grades 3-6). We also have Playworks at Viewmont. We are also focusing on Mindfulness this year across all of the grade levels.

4. Quick Update on White Ribbon Week

- White Ribbon Week will be held the week of February 1st.
- The theme is: “Let’s Get Real”
- The focus is on helping our students make Healthy Choices in Media and Technology in their daily lives.

5. Other

- Our Land Trust Amendments have been approved by the MCSD School Board and are now before the Land Trust Committee for final approval.

6. Adjourn meeting

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:32 p.m. by Mallory Poole and was seconded by Teresa Koontz. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the council members present.

Next Meeting: February 18th, 3:30 pm via Zoom