

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: 4/15//21

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 4:11 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), Todd Morlock (Parent), Jadee Talbot (Parent), Kat Martinez (Parent), Jennifer King (Principal), April Johnson (Teacher), Mallory Poole (Teacher), Vangee Watts (Teacher), Nichole Archer (Parent)

Council Members Absent:

Guests: Glo Merrill, School Board Member and Greg Marchant, parent

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of minutes from the last meeting, 3/18/21.

A motion was made to approve the minutes, as written, by Sarah Chatterton and was seconded by Kat Martinez. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the council members present.

2. Quick announcement from School Children's Trust

Principal King shared the following announcement from the School Children's Trust: "We have received reports of fraudsters getting council member emails from the school website and contacting council members from a fake address that is made to look like the principal. The emails are asking for gift card numbers, selling fake gift cards, or requesting personal information. Please remember that no one from your school or council will ever ask for you to send personal information or buy gift cards."

3. Update on Playworks program (goals/data)

• **Goals include:**

- ~ empowering students to begin their own games at recess and not need an adult to lead them
- ~ working on effective clean-up of equipment at the end of recess
- ~ use of positive and inclusive language (such as "Good Job, Nice Try" and "Would you like to join our game?")
- ~ continuing to work on conflict resolution using strategies such as Ro-Sham-Bo (i.e. Rock, Paper, Scissors)
- ~ embedding the Junior Coaches more effectively into the 2020-21 recess structure.

- The last 3 unannounced Consultative Visits have taken place when Coach Rosey has come to observe; Coach Smith is not at Viewmont for these observations. She has reported the following:

1. consistently hearing the use of positive and inclusive language in grades 1-4 and 2 out of 3 times in grades 5 and 6.
2. She has seen all grade levels using the conflict resolution strategies.
3. Her observations have allowed her to see how the Junior Coaches are helping to start games in grades 1-3 and how effective those games are. In one of her visits she noted that 25 students were engaged in playing one game. That is more than 1/3 of the grade level. The other students were playing nicely with one another on the playground structures, on the courts, etc.
4. The clean-up of playground equipment has improved over the course of her 3 visits as more structure has been implemented and suggestions were given on how to more effectively put materials away.

- One item of note is that this year we only have individual grade level recesses. While we will continue to teach, use, and reinforce strategies for fair and inclusive play without conflict, we do anticipate an uptick in incidents if can we have several grade levels together again for recess next year. We have begun to discuss and problem solve solutions for next year. Without knowing what next year's guidelines will be, many of the discussions have been hypothetical. We recognize that students will need to learn to play together in larger groups once again.

4. Proposed Amendments for spending of monies that could not be spent this year due to the COVID Pandemic (present and discuss)

- Reminder was made that no vote can be taken on these proposals today as we need to let these proposals wait for one month and be posted on our school website for any potential comments. Voting on any amendments will happen at our next meeting (May 20th).
- Principal King presented several options for consideration to the members of VMT's SCC and guests.
- The following proposed Amendments were discussed:

Proposed Amendment #3:

Due to the limitations and restrictions associated with COVID, Viewmont Elementary was unable to spend all of the funds as allocated in Goal #1 of the 2020-21 Schools Land Trust plan.

- The Viewmont Elementary School Community Council would like to purchase 8 additional Audio Enhancement Systems and 3 additional microphones for teachers' classrooms. These would replace aging and/or ineffective systems.

- \$9,500

Proposed Amendment #4:

Due to the limitations and restrictions associated with COVID, Viewmont Elementary was unable to spend all of the funds as allocated in Goal #1 of the 2020-21 Schools Land Trust plan.

- The Viewmont Elementary School Community Council would like to purchase the materials for White Ribbon Week and a Netsmartz Assembly. These two programs will help to reinforce the concepts of Digital Citizenship and Internet Safety.

- \$1,130

Proposed Amendment #5:

Due to the limitations and restrictions associated with COVID, Viewmont Elementary was unable to spend all of the funds as allocated in Goal #2 of the 2020-21 Schools Land Trust plan.

- The Viewmont Elementary School Community Council would like to move money from Goal #2 to Goal #1 to help provide additional reading paraprofessional support to our students.

- \$1,500

Proposed Amendment #6:

Due to the limitations and restrictions associated with COVID, Viewmont Elementary was unable to spend all of the funds as allocated in Goal #2 of the 2020-21 Schools Land Trust plan.

- The Viewmont Elementary School Community Council would like to purchase 3 additional Audio Enhancement Systems to replace aging systems.

- \$4,349.82

Proposed Amendment #7:

Due to the limitations and restrictions associated with COVID, Viewmont Elementary was unable to spend all of the funds as allocated in Goal #2 of the 2020-21 Schools Land Trust plan.

- The Viewmont's School Community Council would like to purchase individual student whiteboards for each teacher's classroom and for the special education classrooms.

- \$990

Proposed Amendment #8:

Due to the limitations and restrictions associated with COVID, Viewmont Elementary was unable to spend all of the funds as allocated in Goal #2 of the 2020-21 Schools Land Trust plan.

- The Viewmont Elementary School Community Council would like to move \$2,500 from Goal #2 to Goal #1 to purchase additional library materials. This purchase would include materials such as books in Spanish and books representative of the school's student population.

A motion to allow these Proposed Amendments be voted on, as written, at the next meeting was made by Vangee Watts and seconded by Kat Martinez. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the council members present.

5. Adjourn the meeting

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:11 p.m. by Todd Morlock and was seconded by Mallory Poole. The motion to adjourn was passed with a unanimous vote of the council members present.

Next Meeting: May 20th, 3:30 pm via Zoom