

Viewmont Community Council Minutes
September 16, 2024 4:00 PM
PLC Room

Attendees

Sarah Buck (parent)
Tiffany Rowberry (parent)
Stacey Orton (parent)
Kristen Snow (teacher)
Aaron Hill (parent)
Paul Miller (parent)
Lia Smith (principal)
Steffie Williams (teacher)

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This is the first meeting of the Community Council for this year

P. Miller was selected to be the Secretary/Note Taker for the year

A sheet was passed around to update everyone's contact information for the school website.

The Community Council watched a [training video](#) describing the rules, roles, and responsibilities of the Community Council, particularly as it relates to utilizing School LAND trust funds.

Friends of Murray member, Jessica Miller, presented to the Community Council regarding the upcoming bond measure to build an addition to Murray High School and rebuild Riverview Jr. High. Friends of Murray is very supportive of the bond and is hoping to spread the word and leverage school community councils to voice support. Materials to advertise support are available by request from the Friends of Murray - contact Jessica Miller at lucero.jessica@gmail.com

There is a "Meet the Candidates" meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on October 21st at Murray High School, where Friends of Murray will also be showing support for the bond measure.

The bond measure will aid with moving 6th graders from elementary schools to Riverview Jr. High, and 9th graders from the Jr. Highs to Murray High School. That change is happening regardless of whether or not the bond measure passes.

Chair and Vice Chair Positions were selected:

- S. Orton motioned for S. Buck to be the Chair
- T. Rowberry seconded the motion
- All were in favor

- S. Buck motioned for T. Rowberry to be the Vice Chair
- A. Hill seconded the motion
- All were in favor

L. Smith went through the roles and responsibilities of the Community Council. L. Smith proposed a motion to amend the rules and procedures to decrease the number of teachers from 3 to 2 and to decrease the parent members from 7 to 5. All were in favor.

The main function of the Community Council is to monitor the progress of the Viewmont Elementary School Improvement Student Success Plan for the academic year. This includes:
 School LAND Trust Allocated Amount of \$77,159.81
 Teacher Student Success Allocated Amount of \$90,867
 Early Literacy Budget of approximately \$37,179

The LAND Trust money is tied to academic goals. The Teacher Student Success is tied to District Goals. The Early Literacy Budget is for paraeducators.

The purchase of IXL for 3rd through 6th graders was discussed. It is a relatively new program that compliments and reinforces mathematics lessons.

L. Smith proposed a change to the Student Success Plan:

- Under Goal #2, the purchase of technology related hardware is proposed at \$2,200 from the LAND trust. However, many of the projectors in use in many of the classrooms are outdated and repairing them has become costly and hard to do.
- L. Smith proposes using \$16,000 from the Teacher Student Success Amount for new TVs and HDMI cables for every classroom. Additionally, \$1,500 from the LAND trust budget can be used to purchase Apple Stylus pens for the teachers to improve interaction with current tablets.
- L. Smith motioned to approve this change to the budget
- S. Buck seconded the motion
- All were in favor

S. Orton asked if LAND trust funds can be used for field trips and student speakers. The discussion concluded that, yes, those funds can be used if clearly tied to academic goals; however, other avenues, such as applying for Murray Education Foundation funds, may be a better way to go.

- S. Orton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:59 p.m.
- K. Snow seconded the motion
- All were in favor