

Elk Meadows Elementary

School Community Council

Minutes March 22, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m.

Members and guests were welcomed, and the meeting was opened for Council Members agenda discussion items.

Our first agenda item was a presentation by Laura Jensen. Ms. Jensen is a parent at Elk Meadows who participated in a program at a previous school called "Watch DOGS". She presented an outline of this program along with an overview of costs and implementation ideas. The council decided to make no motion for a decision at this time, pending the results of a survey being sent out by the PTA to gauge parent interest and possible volunteering. There was a question of if the district could make the fingerprinting process any more accessible to parents making volunteering easier.

Rabecca Cisneros, an intern working with Elk Meadows then presented an update to the District Reunification plan.

The Land Trust plan was discussed at length. The teachers were asked for input based on what their grade and teams felt were important for the teachers and students. The lower grades were interested in adding an additional reading aide, but only if the aides would be able to be trained and more efficient in the ways that they interacted with the students. Mr. Ichimura indicated that he would talk with the district to see if it would be possible for the aides to participate in the training that is provided by the district to increase efficiency and teaching abilities of aides. We talked about the need for aides in the computer lab and the best use of additional budget. The teachers discussed making sure that we balanced the need for technology and the need for interaction and interventions with the use of the aides. A final plan was put together that utilized the carryover budget and land trust allocation to provide a total of 3 reading aides, and 4 computer aides for the next school year; the remainder of the budget was spent on contracted software learning programs; professional development and substitutes for professional development; an anti-bullying and leadership budget to insure the continuation of the Leader-In-Me program; and the purchase of 3 classroom sets of Chromebooks.

Stephanie Wright called for a motion to vote on the Land Trust Plan and Marianne Dwyer motioned for a vote. This was seconded by Emily Crane. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

The next Community Council Meeting will be held May 10, 2018 at 3:45 p.m. in the Conference Room.