

Columbia Elementary
School Community Council Meeting
Monday, September, 10, 2018

3:45-4:45 PM

In attendance: Thalia Almazan, Amy Price, Kelsey Harris, Abe Yospe, Summer Dansie, Angie Drope, Sandy King

Excused Absence: Stacey Leavitt

Agenda Items

Voting:

Mr. Yospe moved to have Amy Price serve as the new chairperson. Mrs. Drope seconded. Motion passed

Discussion:

Mr. Yospe explained the purpose of the School Community Council: school safety, spending/allocating funds.

Columbia Successes:

The school purchased a new mascot, an Astronaut. The faculty, staff, students and parents have really enjoyed seeing him/her at all the start of school days for all grades.

We had a successful back to school night.

Columbia had the greatest DIBELS growth in the whole district.

Title 1:

The percentage of students who are on free/reduced lunch allows us to receive funding from the government. This year we have lower class sizes because we have one extra teacher per grade. Title 1 also pays for the Playworks program, which is \$16,000 a year. We get Coach Purple one week a month. He teaches structured games for recess and inside classroom games.

Testing

The SAGE testing is now called RISE. It is given at the end of the year for grades 3-6. The questions are from the same question bank as the SAGE testing.

Safety

The crossing guard at the front of the school has bad timing. He is crossing the students when there are no cars turning into the school parking lot, but is stopping cars turning into the school to cross students. Parents can call Cindy Jacobson, Crossing Guard Supervisor at West Jordan P.D.. Call the non-emergency number.

The district does have a plan for the 2019-2020 school year. We will have a teacher start the crosswalk to redirect students to the new sidewalk that will be built along the fence line. The parking lot will be moved farther west.

We have a new evacuation plan. The lower grade students will evacuate to the lower grade playground. The upper grade students and specials will evacuate to the upper grade playground.

Reports:

We hired a new music/p.e. teacher. She will teach music and p.e. during special rotations.

PTA will be hosting an antibullying week with of red ribbon week.

5th and 6th grade participates in a gang awareness program, sponsored by the district. There are 9 lessons, ending with "Talk with a Cop" day on January 6, 2019.

Playworks lends itself to antibullying.

We have WJPD Officer to come help as needed.

West Jordan has dropped the DARE program. Some research has shown that the DARE program hasn't helped with drug prevention.

Our 6th grade has a "Secret Kindness Agent" program. Students go around the school posting positive messages to individuals and the school, they also do service for the school and students.

Programs:

We have our school reading program, that has been very successful. The PTA is donating two tablets as grand prizes.

We have a Theater Troupe.

We have changed our Outstanding Space Rangers/Principal Visits to Treasure Token Tower. Each team will get 20 tokens a month (about one token a month/per student) to go down and get a price from the treasure tower.

Our Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program has started again. Because of extra funding, for the month of September, we will be receiving three snacks a week.

We have a school Facebook page that we will be posting pictures of students and great educational activities they are doing in their classes, as well as any other reminders.

We are partnering with a dental program to provide free dental care, here at the school. We are sending home permission slips.

We have the food bank food drop off again this year. They come monthly.

Krisse Prestwich talked about Prevent Utah, an abuse prevention program. They partner with the State of Utah and is approved by the state school board.

School Community is allowed one fundraiser a year – we are open to suggestions.

Meetings scheduled for:

November 5, 2018

February 4, 2019

March 4, 2019

All meetings will be held at 3:45pm

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