

School Community Council Minutes

April 4, 2019

Present: Principal Cherie Wilson, Carol Tree, Ryan and Cindi Schut, Julie Openshaw, Nic Hales, Assistant Principal Leslie Ewell, Julie and Troy Thomson, Kristin Sokol

1. Next meeting will be held at 6 pm on September 5, 2019. Ryan motioned and Cindi seconded to have the meeting on this date.
2. Returning members for next year: Nic Hales, Ryan and Cindi Schut, Julie Openshaw, Kristin Sokol. It is unknown if Brecka Scott will continue.

Carol said she'd like to have new parents on the board, and recommended we leave the committee open for more members. Kristin motioned and Ryan seconded. Nic said we will likely need two more members so that there are two more parents than faculty members, as the policy states.

3. Final total for fundraiser is \$3,585. Nic said he and Patti agreed that next time it would be nice to have a spreadsheet to keep track of books. 60 books didn't get paid for or returned, which was a relatively small percentage. Julie O. said the feedback she received was that parents wished books would have come out earlier so they have the full year to use them. Principal Wilson wanted to know if there was an online way to renew them, which would circumvent the school selling them next year. Julie O. said the book has to be renewed through a seller.

Principal Wilson said she would like to replace several old Ipads with those funds. Principal Wilson said the drama teacher, Jodi White, would like to have a small amount of money for another STEAM night, which was very effective last year. Everyone agreed that was a good use of funds.

Kristin motioned to do the same fundraiser next year and Nic said he would be happy to head it up again. Motion was approved.

The question was asked: Will it be a conflict for the SCC fundraiser to be in the fall when the PTA is also doing their fund raiser? Nic said if we do it in October so it will slightly offset the PTA's fundraiser.

4. Kristin reported on Coping and Life Skills. She found a website by PBIS World.com: Teaching coping skills. This is a curriculum that must be purchased. Carol wondered if a morning pep talk with announcements would help. Principal Wilson said they do that already with announcements and with kindness campaign. Carol would like to see parents aware of some of this so they can reinforce them at home. Kristin is wondering if this effort is already happening in school and the need is already being met. Or is this PBIS curriculum needed? Kristin asked if it would be possible to have motivational speakers at the school, on grade level or with parents in evening. Principal Wilson said the district has to approve everything and it is difficult to schedule additional things. She said the district has been proactive about having wellness events such as having a speaker at South Hills on this night. Principal Wilson said a mental screening night for the community will be held at Foothills coming soon.

Julie O. said they are starting a new school-wide discipline program that teaches the kids to work together as a team to earn points for rewards. This focuses on positive responses, encouraging communication. They learn about disappointment and how to handle it.

Carol wonders if a survey of the teachers to see which topics are needed to be emphasized. Principal Wilson said rotations, DARE, a new district behavior program and district-wide teacher surveys are happening and many wellness behaviors are being taught. Principal Wilson said she is in regular contact with McKinley Withers, the district Health and Wellness Specialist, and they are actively implementing programs. Kristin said last month she participated at Fort Herriman Middle with other parents who presented lessons to help with wellness. She didn't feel like it would work on the elementary level.

The school community council feels confident that wellness is effectively being addressed at Foothills.

5. Land Trust Plan Report by Principal Wilson

She said \$117,000 plus some carry over money will be available next year from the land trust. This will continue to bring in needed staffing, particularly aides. Jodi O and Kistin said the push-in and rotation aides are very effective. They know the kids well. The kids enjoy them. Principal Wilson also said Tim Brown, national speaker on PLCs and collaboration, will be coming Aug. 19, to the school to do training and everyone is looking forward to that. He teaches that when there is a common belief in schools that a student can achieve, the student will achieve more. District specialists are excited to come participate in that meeting. Principal Wilson said Foothills has already improved so much from the things happening in the school, due to **Land Trust Funds**.

6. Any agenda items for next meeting? None

Nic asked what is the projected enrollment for next year? Principal Wilson said it is 1065, which is the same as last year, although the school will be on a traditional schedule. Permits are being turned down for additional students.

Principal Wilson also said there is a waiting list for first grade Chinese. 57 kids are enrolled, with waiting list of 3-4.

Cindi and Julie O motioned to adjourn. All agreed.