

School Governance Meeting (SGC)

Tracey Elementary

1/30/17

Meeting started: 5:30 pm

Members present: Naglaa Bahnasy, Carole Constandaki, Amanda Griffith, Lisa Kaplan, Adil Khan, Tiffany Kiarikidis, Susan Kivits, Carla Monteiro, Robert Riddell, Amy Silvester, John Sincerbeaux, Theresa Rangel, Godfrey Azima

Minutes Keeper: Susan Kivits

1. Introductions: Newest member of SGC was introduced. Welcome to Godfrey Azima! The rest of the committee introduced themselves to our newest member.

2. Review of Norms: Norms from previous meeting were reviewed: Be on time, open and respectful conversations, be present and engaged, use positive language, keep the children as the focus

3. Discussion on Budget:

- Budget is being driven by rising insurance costs (statewide and local)
- Some solutions for the insurance increase is being looked into – For example, combining insurance with the state.
- Theresa passed out the student based budget sheet. At \$5,350.00 per student X 392 students = \$2, 097, 200.00. However, much of that will go to teacher's salaries.
- Theresa explained some of the budget process and went over the "Tracey Operating Budget Request"

- It was brought up that maybe we should look into more grant opportunities to increase funding.
- Theresa will share up to date information (coming out Feb. 1st) with committee when she receives it.

4. Afterschool Programs:

- The programs will run throughout the month of February from 3:45pm- 5:15pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Theresa listed the enrichment programs offered: School Newspaper with Mr. Steiner; Cooking with Ms. Mikel; Soccer with Mr. Sanchez; Journal Making with Ms. Siletto; Girls Group with Mrs. Wolfe and Ms. Siletto; Science Club with Mr. Sincerbeaux.
- Theresa passed out and reviewed the grant information pertaining to these programs.

5. Sub-committees:

- The SGC discussed looking into ways to receive additional funding for our school. We discussed reaching out to area/local businesses and looking into additional grants
- Various SGC members volunteered to look into business opportunities and grants (Amanda Griffith – Stew Leonard’s; Tiffany Kirarikides – Costco; Godfrey Azima – 501 ©s; Amy Silvester; Rob Riddell – NEF; Carla Monteiro and John Sincerbeaux – grant opportunities)

*I apologize if I left someone out. I did not get all the specifics down (first night on the job!) so please let me know if I left someone or something out.

6. Parent Survey: We briefly discussed ways in which we could encourage more participation in our parent survey. Some ideas included:

- Discussing it at the all school assembly on Friday

- Having a read aloud night – while the students listen to a story, their parents can log into a school computer and complete the survey
- Offering students a night off from homework if their parents complete the survey as their homework

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

Next meeting: February 13th