

# Highland Park Elementary School Community Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 17, 2016

## **Present:**

Christina Leavitt, Debora Cluff, Kelli Quillen, Sonal Kerr, Edie Morgan, Jenny Kearn, Taylor Wolf, Deegan Wolf, Heather Parry, Adam Parry, Randy Block, Mercedes Barica, Erica Chamblee, Gene McIntyre, Kimberly Barnett, Sarah Payne, Sarah Williams

## **SCC Business:**

- **Welcome** – Christina Leavitt called the meeting to order. Reviewed and approved October minutes. Deegan Wolf motioned to approve, Gene McIntyre seconded the motion, all agreed in favor.
- **3 year Calendar discussion and vote.** We reviewed the handout regarding the three options offered for the calendar school year. 150 parents voted on the online survey, with Option 1 being the preferred calendar, which is closest to our current and former schedule. The SCC votes were submitted to Christina Leavitt Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The final SCC vote submitted was for Option 1.

## **Community Interests:**

- **Dogs:** Students continue getting dog waste on their shoes and clothes during recess. Signs have been placed on the school fences saying "No dogs allowed on school property," which have neighbors concerned. Christina and Debora met with some of the neighbors to brainstorm ideas for resolving dog waste issues while still allowing dogs on the field during after hours. Several ideas include: more signs such as "Kids at Play, Keep Poop Away," having kids check the field before playing on it, garbage cans near the fence for dog waste disposal, putting messages in neighborhood newsletters, and having neighbors volunteer to help clean up dog waste. These suggestions are expected to help alleviate but not resolve the problem.
- There was discussion regarding whether all stakeholders were being allowed adequate input on the 3 year calendar. Faculty preferences were discussed as well as the results of the parent survey. SCC outreach for input from faculty, staff, parents, students, and community is a key goal for the committee and ideas on how to increase outreach will continue to be discussed in future meetings.

## **Principal Report:**

- **Annual Land Trust Report** is now listed on the school's website.

## **SIC Report:**

- The SIC meeting was held November 7<sup>th</sup> which discussed the calendar options for the next 3 years.
- As a follow up from October the paraprofessionals voted to allow only mints and small candy in the computer labs, no other foods or drinks.
- With upcoming weather changes the indoor recess policies were discussed.

- Ideas for the reading rewards program include having pictures taken of the “Super Readers” by Pam in the office that would be posted. This was to be brought up in the teacher meeting.
- Another discussion in the teacher meeting was in reference to the end of days assemblies, getting the students to the classes sooner, assembly behavior, teachers reviewing these expectations in classrooms.

### **PTA Report:**

- Sarah, president elect and Heather went over red ribbon week assembly, holiday money drive, t-shirts delivered to students & classrooms, and that yearbooks are still available online.

### **Arts Committee Report:**

- Liz Ward who does the silent auction has a conflict this year with the date Arts Night falls on. Since this event brings in approximately 10k per year, a new date was proposed. March 17, 2017 is the proposed date, which falls on St Patrick’s Day. The holiday theme could be utilized for additional advantage on Arts Night. Majority agreed to the new date.

December’s meeting is cancelled. We will reconvene January 2017.