

Penn Elementary Advisory Council

October 8, 2024

6:30~7:30 pm

Erica Fitzgerald, Chairperson
Waseem Sheikh, Vice Chairperson
Missy Gogel, Secretary

MINUTES

- Welcome/Introduction of Members Erica
- State of the School Dr. Bolles
- CIP Dr. Bolles
 - Commitment 1: Learning & Achievement for ALL
 - Science (focus on EL/Sped subgroup)
 - Math (focus on EL/Sped subgroup)
 - Commitment 2: Attendance [stats as of October 8th]
 - About 25% of Kindergarten students are chronically absent (more than 10%; missed more than 4 days... we haven't been in school for 40 days yet)
 - About 17% of 1st graders are chronically absent
 - Perfect/Excellent Attendance awards at Quarterly Awards Assembly
 - Comment was brought up about attendance not being the fault/responsibility of the student... Aren't these awards encouraging parents to send their students to school sick?
 - Late arrivals throw the morning routine off for everyone
 - Commitment 3: Business Partners
 - 20+ businesses partnered with us for Bingo Night last year
 - Who can seek business partners? Anyone; if a business is interested, point them towards Itzi, our parent liaison
 - What do the businesses get out of it? Business exposure... logo on back of Fun Run shirt, banner in front of the school advertising their business, ad space in the back of the yearbook
- Budget Dr. Bolles
 - February – estimate of budget
 - May – updated estimate
 - September 30 enrollment – the number budget is based on; our numbers are higher than projected in May = roughly extra \$322,000 in budget
 - Currently advertising for LD teacher and Math Coach
 - November meeting – how do we want to possibly use extra funds?
 - ALL In Tutoring -- \$54K budget from state
- SACI/PTO Representatives Erica
 - Ms. Abduazimova – SACI Rep – was not present to share information
 - Teresa Bodie agreed to be PTO Representative
- Open Forum

- Do parents get a copy of their child's VALLSS results?
 - Letters were sent out to parents whose students scored in the Moderate/High risk; email teacher for summary report if you haven't received it; Kindergarten is still testing (just started last week)
- Budgeting & Decisions and Online apps... Who decides which ones we use? Why do they vary from year to year?
 - Site based budgeting – sometimes the county can get better prices; also varies from grade level to grade level
 - More restrictions from IT department – anything Internet based can't be used; must be able to be signed into from Clever
- Future Dates
 - Currently, we are scheduled to meet 11/19, 1/14, 2/11, 4/8, and 5/13
 - Another option could be that we meet before PTO meetings from 6:00-7:00; this allows for us to adhere to the hard rule of Advisory Council meetings being only an hour long
 - We agreed to try the meeting time before the PTO meeting for November and see how it goes
- Adjournment Erica

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 14, 2024 @ 6:00-7:00 pm

Topics for Discussion –

Open Forum

Budget Update

Gifted Education Presentation