

Quail Hollow Elementary School Community Council May 10, 2018

MINUTES

1. Welcome

2. School Community Council Outreach
 - External Communication
 - Newsletter – Monthly Article
 - Pushing to next year
 - Website Information
 - Any updates or needs?
 - Susan Edwards sent an email indicating Quail Hollow had 91% compliance
 - Shad will check to see what's missing.

3. Updates about ABS Classroom at QH & Portable
 - Logistics
 - Quail Hollow is going to get the portable, Shad is working with facilities to determine placement
 - The preferred location is by Bob's shed
 - There will be two ABS classes (14 total students), mostly upper grades. One teacher is hired, another is close to being hired. Paraeducators are in process of being hired.
 - Two classes will be put in the kindergarten classrooms so that noise, etc. is limited and the classes have additional privacy. Shad is planning structural changes for noise containment and "calm-down rooms."
 - Kindergarten will go to the preschool hall. Shad is working out logistics (playground, busses, pickup/dropff, etc.) for the change, including student transportation between the school building and the portable.
 - Concerns
 - Rene asked about support from the district.
 1. Shad is working to increase resources (including a cluster lead for Quail Hollow) in addition to two ABS teachers and the paraeducators already planned.

- Rene asked about the preparation, training, background of the ABS teachers and paraeducators. Her concern is that both groups of students and the Quail Hollow teachers/administration receive the support from the district that they need.
 1. This is also important from a teacher perspective.
- Mainstreaming ABS students and the planned psychological/social work supports at Quail Hollow
- Potential and past parent concerns about safety issues surrounding ABS student behavior.
 1. Solutions include the planned “culture and climate” goal for next year. Increased communication to parents (perhaps an optional session at Back to School Night) about the ABS classes, movement of kindergarten classes, and the new portable classroom might be options.
- Are ABS test scores counted in Quail Hollow metrics? Will parents be concerned about a change in school test scores?
 1. Shad isn’t sure how this will work out/what the impact will be. Some students do SAGE, and some students do an alternate test.
 2. Quail Hollow has done well in the past few years, so maintaining will be a success. It might be difficult to increase scores because they’ve been high.
 3. SAGE is going to change, so over-time comparisons will be difficult anyway.

4. Discussion of how to best implement Science funds and Social Support funds

- Science Lab & Materials

- Discussion

1. How do we want this to look next year?
 - a. \$1,500 for science lab
 - i. This would be similar to what is happening at Brookwood – more organized, and every class gets 1-2 scheduled science lab experiments per year. Learning about the scientific method and doing hands-on experiments.
 1. Would this be in addition to the science reward parties?
 - a. Yes - students enjoy these and the materials will continue to be used.
 2. Who will be the point person for the parties?
 - a. Potentially the person hired to run the science labs

b. Rene will coordinate the handoff to the new person – to share tips, best practices, etc.

ii. The stipend would be paid over time based on hours worked.

b. \$500 for science materials

i. Discussion of whether any of these need to be used for classroom materials

2. Social support funds – not finalized, but this is a priority and Shad is planning to be involved.

5. Upcoming Elections - QH holds these at Back to School Night

- Three open spots
- Review process
 - Bylaws –
 1. Elections take place on Back to School Night
 2. Shad will send emails/information over the summer, candidates must have the application in by Back to School Night

6. Old Items:

- Quail Club/Tutoring update (Rene):
 - Ended at the end of April. Should this continue?
 1. Shad says yes, but it will need to be restructured. The computer will be opened up for kids in the morning, and volunteers will read to kids to give them more reading opportunities.
 2. In the past, students have been inconsistent and this has been harder for the volunteers. The new structure will be more accommodating to variations in attendance.
- Skylight installation will be postponed.
- Which teachers are retiring/moving? School will do a thank-you at the closing social
 - Dr. Gallaway – second retirement
 - Ms. Kimball – going to 6th grade at Butler
 - Jared Denslow – going back to Brighton
 - Julie (booster teacher) – potentially leaving
 - Ms. Park – going to 2nd grade
 - Ms. Jones – going to 4th grade

- Next year teacher numbers:
 - First grade = reducing to 3 teachers
 - Fifth grade = reducing 3 teachers

7. Next Meeting:

- This was the last minute of the academic year
- First meeting of 2018-2019 academic year: September 13 at 7:45 am

8. Upcoming Meeting: