

Paradise Canyon Elementary Community Council Meeting

Goal of our committee- Oversee the needs of the school in the areas of academics and safety and hothouse needs can be funded though Trust Lands.

- Student Achievement

- Daven talked about win groups and how they are working! In September 80-90% of students needed skills that were below their grade level. Since then there has been lots of growth! According to the last testing these are the percentage of students that still NEED phonics support: Kinder 45%, First 43%, Second 21%, Third 46%, 4th 31%, and 5th 24%. Kids are gaining confidence. Talked about the scope and sequence (phonological awareness, core phonics skills, fluency, and comprehension.) Notes go home every 6 weeks for win groups.
- Daven also talked about Dibels (Dibels changed to acadience). Students are tested 3 times a year (beginning, mid, and end of year.) WIN results and dibels results are on the website. Acadience has more components added to each test. There has been a lot of growth and is very individualized. Mrs. Briz said she had one student go from 20% to 80% in accuracy.
- Mrs. Harrah talked about the rise test report card is in from last year but already this year we are showing much better growth. The superintendent talked to Mrs. Harrah about our school possibly becoming a “turn around school”. This means that we would get more funding, more programs, etc. We should know more about this by next month. A turn around school is the bottom 3% of state.
- Mrs. Harrah talked about Math assessments. Teachers are looking for students scoring 75% or higher.
- Alan Crooks asked to talk about Kinder Spanish club before he left. Mrs. Harrah said that there will be funding for it again next year but is thinking that two teachers will be needed.
- Mrs. Harrah talked about computer programs. The students are not liking red bird. Next year she would like to switch over to Alex. All grades are given brag tags to motivate for every lesson completed. This is a good motivation for kids for literacy, math, safety, and social. Joni Hendri keeps track of each kids levels are is very needed!
- Susan talked about the CSIP and said to look for a google doc on the website.

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- SAFETY- Eliza Maravilla talked about the safety patrol concerns and how they are working on them. There is more adult supervision and the safety patrol is earning brag tags. Another safety concern is people going through the building to go to the family center. They do have to check in at the office. If there are any concerns they will be asked to leave, if they don't leave police will be called. This is normal district policy. Talk about encouraging parents to go through the gym instead of through the halls to cut down on noise in the hallway. Kids are getting used to disciplinary procedures and there are less citations for bad behavior being handed out.
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT- Lesa Dewey talked about ESL tier (speaking, listening, writing) and how all teachers are encouraged to use all strategies in their teaching. EYE- teachers in the first 3 years went through goals, made adjustments, etc. They are going to Crimson View Elementary on January 23rd to observe. They are going to that school because of their high levels and they are a blue ribbon school.
- STEM- Mrs. Harrah said that we have applied for STEM school status. There are days that the whole school does STEM activities. We should know in about month about this application. No extra funding is given. This is just for recognition and can get grants a little easier with the title.
- AAPLE Testing- Mrs. Harrah said we are above where we need to be except for in interpretive reading. A parents asked if we have access to others schools AAPLE test scores so we can compare to other schools. Dual immersion lessons begin in 1st grade and this is the same statewide.
- FUNDING- Mrs. Harrah said that conga town did not happen this year. Choir has been working good twice a week after school.
- IDEAS for next year- Mrs. Harrah said The C student has been very helpful and would like to get more C students next year for 2nd and 3rd grades. May use title 1 funds. We would like to continue the parent classes. We would like to continue Kindergarten Spanish club a parent suggested having two teachers instead of one. Talked about possibly using advanced DSU Spanish student interns- Lucia helping to coordinate. We will need a STEM coordinator. Mrs. Anderson has been doing it but it involves a lot of extra time and she is not being compensated. Mrs. Harrah would like Mrs. Anderson to continue and be compensated for her skills. Ideas of how to strengthen STEM were briefly discussed. Mrs. Harrah would like to do summer school by invitation for struggling students. A high ability group is also a possibility.

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- --A parent suggested that take-home library books be changed out daily instead of weekly to increase access to books at appropriate levels with accountability which and that take-home library books extend to 4th and 5th grades as it promotes Spanish reading and more diverse reading material when sent home as an assignment.
- --Would like to continue having an intern from Spain again next year, and will need a family to host them.
- Plan for the bond: Office area renovated to create needed space. Carpet in the halls, security doors, Marquee, Stone sign in front, silver and navy carpet on walls in the cafeteria to replace dated pink. It was requested by 2 parents that they put in basketball hoops that lower. Mrs. Harrah said she asked for such, but was denied. The cafeteria floor will be replaced with one that doesn't have to be waxed. There will be a bigger leveled library. We will have one less classroom because of the renovations. The changes will begin on March 16 and will require a temporary movement of lots of people and services. The current wellness room will temporarily be the office and fill several other roles. Anderson's class will move to Gillespie's. McKenzie will move to the portable where K club meets. The family center will move to the STEM lab. The remodel is scheduled to be completed in August. There will be new computers for teachers next year and new Chromebooks are ordered.
- The parking lot change is separate from the bond money, so will not occur at the same time. Neighbors have had suggestions about one-way streets etc. Adding turning lane lines were suggested. There was concern there would not be enough room for lines and parking. The helpfulness of a 4 way stop was suggested. Mrs. Harrah suggested Beckie send out an email to the Community Council to see members would like to meet and brainstorm ideas for improving traffic flow and safety. It was suggested neighbors on the street also be allowed to participate in the problem-solving process.
- Next meeting, members are to look at proposed ideas and bring any additional ones to create next year's plan.
- Attendace: Brooke Neumann, Elena Briz, Jillian Udy, Teresa Sandoval, Alan Crooks, Beckie Basso, Lucia Taylor, Nicole Demke, Irene Bernal, Nancy Hoyt, Jill Hunt, MarChe Hindes, Susan Harrah, Lesa Dewey, Daven Trammell, Eliza Maravilla, Michelle Joines, Susan Roberts