

## **Terra Linda Elementary School Community Council Minutes**

October 4, 2017

Present: Karen Gorringer, Mindi Allen, Cindy Anderson, Kristin Miles, Shelly Chamberlain

Not Present: Kurt Gasser, Barbara Young, Melanie Nixon, Camille Kartchner, Debra Shelton

Mindi had been asked to lead meeting in Barbara's absence.

Minutes from the May meeting were distributed. Time was given for attendees to review. Kristin motioned to approve the minutes. Shelly seconded and all approved.

### **New Officer Elections**

- Barbara can continue on a second year as President.
- A new member, Debra Shelton, has been excused from this meeting. She spoke with Karen about being VP. She is a grandmother and active community member.
- Mindi can stay on one more year as Secretary. This will be her last year as she won't have kids at Terra Linda next year.
  - Shelly moved to accept all of these people in the three officer positions.
  - Cindy seconded and all agreed.

### **School safety Plan**

- Sidewalk-sidewalk expansion separating two parking lots was done this summer. Huge difference notice by staff members. Much safer for all.
- Gate- The gate was also installed out back. Per Karen, more work needs to be done as there is a gap on one side large enough for people to walk through. She has submitted new work order to get it fixed correctly. It is somewhat of a deterrent even incomplete.
- Just in Time Kits—Karen went over the kits again. She has been trained on the kits. Any community member is welcome to train for them at a later date.
  - It is in the faculty room in the corner by a window, so it can be accessed in emergency by someone without a key.
  - She explained the map in the kit and how the first person who finds it is in charge and then the system of Red, yellow and green is assigned to each dwelling.
- New Concerns
  - Before school supervision has become an issue. Per Karen the staff is bringing kids in at first bell. This is 7 minutes earlier and it has been effective.
  - Per Karen, new member Debra is trying to get DARE funding back for our school. Will update as we know more.
  - Shelly, who lives in adjoining neighborhood, is concerned about kids riding scooters in the road before and after school. Karen took note and will remind the kids about safety and may even walk home with them on occasion.

### **SCC required Training Dates**

- Officers are required to attend one training per year.
- Flyer with dates was given to officers.

**Barbara Young joined the meeting around this time.**

### **Fundraiser**

- We don't have total of money raised for Fundraiser.
- Mindi asked that next time we attach info about what the fundraiser is benefitting and what the end date will be.

### **Strong Parents/Strong Families** ( the 3 "special nights" we had last year)

- Math night had to be rescheduled because of a conflict with district Middle Schools.
- It was rescheduled to Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> but this is also an issue because it's early release.
  - Karen was going to find a different night.
- Karen said that all three nights cost \$3001.18. There was an error reporting and /or recording this total in the last meeting. Karen double checked and this was the correct cost for all three nights.
  - We have \$414.58 leftover from last year's fundraiser. With this leftover amount, The school supplemented the program to purchase the supplies for this year's math night. After the current fundraiser money comes in, the school needs to be paid back.
- Last year's leftover books from the reading night, went to this year's incoming Kindergartners. There won't be any duplicate books for this year's reading night.
- Should we continue this year??
  - Mindi said yes but possibly call them different names or "theme" them out and advertise more/differently.
  - Barbara wants to keep the word "family" in the name
  - Kristin thinks we need to make it clear whether other family members can come
    - Karen said they for sure can, but they have to stay together and parents need to attend with the kids. Not drop off situation.
  - Karen assures us they will advertise them in a different way and will enlist teachers to help get creative with the nights.
  - Mindi moved to keep these nights for current school year.
    - Kristin seconded and all members present agreed.

### **School Plan for Trustlands Funds**

- Reading goal to increase proficiency from 56 to 80%
  - Salaries for the Art, Music and Computer teachers.

- When kids are at these specials the classroom teacher uses it for PLC and planning and assessing times.
- Math Goal is reducing the number of students scoring below proficient by 10%.
  - Two Math aids
  - Difference in amount of \$ to each is because reading is where Terra Linda is really behind. So the focus is there on the greatest need.
- Kristin asked about the increase in funding over last year. Per Karen it wasn't much of an increase. Still about 53k.

#### **OTHER ITEMS**

- Kristin asked if we had access to the Reading Plus modules. It gives everyone in the family access to the online program at home. All reading levels including adult. Should be free.
  - Karen will approach Brian Leggat for more information.
- Karen gave board a heads up that Terra Linda could become a Title I school. Usually when 40% or more are on reduced or free lunch, and we hit that this year.
- Barbara asked about looking into different ways to hold PT conferences.
  - Mindi mentioned it is very hard for hearing loss individuals to hear in a big room like that.
  - Karen will look into other methods.

**Barbara moved to adjourn, Shelley seconded and all agreed. We did so at 540pm.**

**Upcoming meeting dates will be sent out by Karen soon.**