

# Terra Linda Elementary School Community Council Minutes

9/28/23

- Celebrations
  - New employees: Head Custodian Yvette, STEAM assistant Wendy has prevented cancelation of that program, Library Media assistant Wendy
  - Walk to Read is working. Percentage of students ending the school year on grade level has increased substantially in all but 2 grades. Kids will be getting other extensions in fluency and comprehension to assist after they exit the Walk to Read phonics groups.
  - We had great teacher retention this year.
  - We had an additional teacher coach provided by the state this year.
  - Wellness Room opens Oct 1 for kids who need 10 minute brain breaks.
  - Home visits went great; most of the feedback from parents and teachers was positive.
  - This is the second year for STEAM and the kids love it.
  - Kindergarten did the best they've ever done on end of year Acadience Testing.
- Focus for this year
  - RISE test scores have been stagnant at about 40-48% over the last few years.
  - This year's focus is on Data and Rigor: Higher expectations, PLCs data driven, Focused PD based on needs, 2 coaching cycles per teacher this year.
  - Interventions for below level kids and extensions for above level kids.
  - Teacher book study: *10 Mindframes for Visible Learning*
  - How can we support teachers with the extra work?
    - Offer to help prep things for teachers
- Land Trust
  - \$65,903 this year + \$6,034 carryover = \$71,930
  - Most will pay for new full-time certified PE teacher. Assistant PE teachers are less expensive but tend to be much less effective.
  - \$305.76 remaining will probably be used for Walk to Read materials.
- SCC Rules enforced to be consistent across the state
  - Elementary & Jr. High
    - 4 parents & 2 employees including principal
    - Anyone else can visit, ask questions, and comment, but not vote
    - Elections every year
    - SCC Chair position was offered for vote. Shelly Christensen will remain chair with approval from all other SCC members.
    - David Bowers and Rachel Ferre will start 2 year terms now.
    - Barbara Young will start 1 year term now. Barbara & Shelly's positions will be up for voting next fall.
- SCC rules and orders of procedure read
- School grounds
  - Yvette will walk the grounds each morning to check for broken bottles, etc.
  - Yajaira requested WJPD do more rounds especially weekend evenings to reduce problems.
- Crosswalk

- Crossing guard was arriving late. Yajaira called supervisor, who required crossing guard to be on time (8:30am and 3:30pm).
- Concern with no crossing guard for 60-70 children coming at 8:15 for band, choir and breakfast.
  - Head crossing guard asked us not to allow PTA or employees to turn on crosswalk lights in the morning.
  - Parents are not allowed to assist as crossing guard
  - Yajaira has contacted district to look into options to keep children safe at that time.
- Reunification – All backpacks updated and in classrooms.
- Barbara moved to close. Shelly seconded. All approved.