



School Advisory Council

Ellis Elementary School

February 18, 2025, 5:30 pm, Library

Participants

Mary O'Gray, Kenneth Nixon, Paige Schupp, Sadaf Mustafa, Natalia Guardado, Neryann Rondon, Tanya Woods, Andy Jacks, and Emily Taylor

Minutes

PTO Update

The dance originally planned for February 21 has been cancelled until a new date can be planned later in the school year. The last PTO meeting was cancelled due to the snow. The next meeting is on March 11, at 5:30 pm. It will be in-person and virtual.

Next Meeting March 16, 2025

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16, at 5:30 pm in the Ellis Library.

Budget Update

Our budget for next year has been released. Due to our three-year average of free lunch eligibility, we have a K-3 largest permitted individual class size of 22 students for next year. The projections for next year show an increase in kindergarten and third grade students. This could influence the number of classes. A survey could be sent home to families to ask them if they plan on returning next year. Next year Ellis qualifies for 2.5 more ESOL teachers. There are options for what stipends could be offered for extra duty assignments. Stipends could be offered to club sponsors that are for clubs that students or staff or parents create or express interest in. Ideas include a drone team, chess club, running club, Challenge 24, and others. Title One money helps pay for reading and math specialists. There are also All-In Tutoring funds and VALLSS Tutoring money. The hardest part is finding people to run the programs. The library is getting upgraded with new storage and books.

- **Murals**-Are still being planned out.

- **Book Vending Machine**-If there is a surplus at the end of the year this could be a possibility.
- **T-shirts for Everyone**-Sizes for students have been collected. The T-shirt will be ordered soon.
- **Dates for Upcoming Projects**-The whiteboard project is still in progress.

CIP Update

The CIP update was a focus of the last SAC meeting.

SACI Update

The focus was on multi-tiered systems of support and how the school division is actively working on hiring someone to help with the SACI meetings and their administrative tasks. The parent liaison role is being redefined, and the job description is being updated. The division is seeking to hire more personnel who can be interpreters in a variety of languages. They discussed diversity and the need for hiring new teachers in the district and staff positions for people who help with student mental health supports like counselors and social workers.

Open Chair

Ramadan begins on February 28 and ends in March.