



School Advisory Council

Ellis Elementary School

January 28, 2025, 5:30 pm, Library

Participants

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

Minutes

PTO Update

PTO met last Tuesday. There is a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and event coordinator. They are working on updating their bank account. There will be a family dance on Friday, February 21. They are still planning the event details. There is an online app that could be used for ticket sales. Tickets can be a minimal price but having families purchase tickets could increase buy-in and participation. The PTO could also consider selling t-shirts to families for spirit wear.

Next Meeting February 18

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, at 5:30 pm in the Ellis Library.

CIP Update

For the Continuous Improvement Plan- One goal area is for family engagement is for the SAC to meet. We created bylaws, have a president, we have regular meetings, and other criteria to be a high-quality advisory council.

Staff and climate-Establishing a bond of trust between staff and administration. Staff intent forms were completed. 95% of staff indicated that they plan to stay. Last year the 30% from last year. We conducted an Upbeat Survey. Staff are asked in general about the school climate and administration. That survey was completed in December/January. Data will be utilized for feedback The leadership team thought to ask. (Dr. Woods/Dr. Jacks were showered with a lot of gifts for appreciation)

Student assessment scores are heading in the right direction for reading and math. For example students on grade level in third grade level show over 20% growth for number of students on grade level. Everyday phonics instruction and other practices are impacting student growth.

Budget

We have money in our general fund and in specific pockets designated for specific purposes. There is flex spending

We were able to hire a part time reading tutor and another tutor to work with fourth graders. Those funds came from a fund designated for tutoring.

Fencing estimate

Estimates were conducted for a fence by the main road, one between the back parking lot and the playground with different choices for fence location. Estimates are impacted by the height of the fence.

Whiteboard on the chalkboards estimate

A company can install a film that transforms a chalkboard into a whiteboard without ghosting. The estimate is for about \$23,000 that includes every room. Right now, there are dark gray chalkboards. The boards will continue to be magnetic. The work could be completed relatively soon. Members of the SAC thought this should be done

Murals

We have spent money on the murals for the front office. Another mural is planned for the front of the building that work could begin as soon as February. Members of the SAC looked at the design and thought it was a good idea.

School supplies for next year? Will we provide still-feedback wanted (will discuss budget for 25-26 school year more in-depth next meeting)

There could be a school supply shopping experience where students could come pick out their school supplies to provide them with that positive back-to-school experience.

Another option would be for students to pick things out on the first day of school or at an open house. Students could visit different locations for different items. It could be part of a scavenger hunt or combined with the resource fair. Parent volunteers could help at the different stations. We could rent out a photo booth for them to get their photos taken. We could call it The Ellis Mall.

Are there any significant school purchases we want to discuss/suggest?

A book vending machines is another idea that we could spend money to purchase. SAC members were in favor.

SACI Update

The next meeting will be in February. The January SACI meeting was canceled due to the weather.

Last Meeting follow ups

- NeryAnn is back up person for SACI
- 4th grade getting

Open Chair

Parents have been showing interest in having clubs that allow younger students to participate in clubs.