

**Bella Vista
School Community Council
Tuesday, November 5, 2019**

Members in Attendance: Becky Parkin, Alicia Swift , Wendie Nielson, Sandra Dahl-Houlihan, Colleen Winterton (secretary)

Review/Approval of minutes from the August meeting: motion to approve minutes by Wendie Nielson. Seconded by Becky Parkin.

Report on SCC Training: Council reported that it was informative. Most members were able to attend.

Digital Citizenship Week: Honor Steele, our school Technology Brain Booster teacher reports to the council about online safety for students. CSD provides five week training with students, as well as other tools, including filters on all wi-fi. We reviewed the School Safety and Digital Citizenship Report.

School Climate & Safety: Sandra talked about emotional and mental climate of school.

- Second Step
- 2 x 10
- Letters home

Cold Weather & Coats: There was a concern from an employee about students not prepared for winter weather. What can be done? SCC suggested a coat drive in conjunction with the PTA food drive in November for students in need. The school, however, will not keep students indoors for recess if parents choose not to send cold weather attire (snow boots, coats, hats, gloves, etc.) The council discussed and approved this plan.

Attendance: Talked to council about updating the school attendance policy. Sandra will work on it and send it out to the council for approval before putting it on the website.

Concerns: Council member mentioned that it would be helpful for new parents to get better information about school activities such as Reflections, and other extra curricular activities. The school will try to do a better job of helping new parents not only receive information but explain what it is.

Plans for the Year: Land Trust – Minor adjustments in spending were made based on the October 1st enrollment but nothing that changed our plans for the school year.

Emergency Drills: reviewed protocol with the council for each monthly drill

- November – Bomb Threat
- December E.S.C.A.P.E. (active shooter information for employees only)
- January – Fire
- February – Shelter in Place

- March – Hazardous Materials
- April – Earthquake
- May – Public Health Emergency (information for employees only)

The council would like us to us to consider a reunification drill also.

Safety Concerns: There are still concerns about parking and traffic:

- Students have to cross 70th south with the small flashing safety lights
- Would like to have further discussion about parking procedure in faculty/bus lot
- Consider parking gate in faculty lot
- Ask for support from resource officer to help traffic flow

Becky Parkin motioned to end the meeting and approve the minutes. Alicia Swift seconded the motion. All in favor.

See you next time ☺