

Family Community Council
Meeting Notes
January 11, 2016
8:30-10:00am

Attendance: 7

Principal/ Assistant Principal Updates:

- Children came back from the holiday break and settled into their routines and procedures readily. There has been a calm within both building.
- Children are developing their skills through Reading and Writing Workshop. Christy Curran, our consultant for Writing Workshop, worked with K-2 teachers December 14, modeling in a classroom in each grade level and debriefing with teachers before and after the modeled lesson.
 - She works with both teachers and children when she visits. She also serves as a model for teachers.
- Cheryl Whipple continues to meet weekly with our Student Council, a group of second graders that has been working on outdoor learning lessons and equipment.
 - This includes the children putting together video tutorials, to help hold everyone responsible for outdoor learning and the use of equipment.
- New parking lot procedures at 167 for drop off and pick up have been working well.
- Conferences were well attended and meaningful.

Review of Novembers meeting notes:

- Agreed with name change from Family Community Committee to Family Community Council.

Review of Mission and Vision:

- As a group we walked through and read each section of the mission and vision. We made corrections as necessary.

- The draft was sent to the whole group (people who have reached out to be a part of the FCC) it will also go out to the whole school community for feedback.

Projected Activity Calendar for the year:

- There was discussion of having a night that highlighted what the children were doing in music class. Ms. Camire (our music teacher) is planning on doing something for families in May.
- Parents voiced that they are very interested in seeing an Art Show, they expressed that as a part of the FCC they would be willing to support this event by helping or getting the word out.
- We mentioned ways to include fundraising to raise money for the school. Thought of different types- some traditional and some non-traditional to consider budget and purpose.
- There was also a conversation around retainment and ways to encourage families to stay at our school. Some suggestions were having a “step up night” where families learn about what children learn and do in the following grade. Parents thought that it would be useful to know what to expect in the upper grades, get to know the teachers, and familiarize themselves with the curriculum.

Other questions/discussion topics

- More information around what is happening with the new building, requested a building update for families.
- Ways to get parents interested in coming to the FCC meetings: make a roster of the current active council members that include name/town.
- Ways to be a part of the conversation around student curriculum-not creating it, but learn more about it, put together some parent friendly language, have dialogue with teachers and staff.