

Farmington River Elementary School Council

Minutes #3

Farmington River Elementary School Staff Room

Thursday, December 12, 2024, 3:15 PM

Attendees: Erika Chait, Laurie Flower, Jennifer Hibbins, Amy Maxton, Simah Middleton, Henry Salzano

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:16 pm.
2. No public comment.
3. Welcome & Introductions
 - New Members: Simah Middleton, PTA member and parent.
4. Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2024: Amy motioned to accept, Erika seconded, all unanimously voted in favor.
5. Review School Enrollment Goal
 - PreK Open House in the Spring (April) and potentially next Fall.
 - Reviews on Google and Great Schools. Simah has not seen any reviews on Zillow. Erika suggests inviting families and student teachers to post reviews, with a coffee and muffin reception.
 - Brainstorm Survey Questions. Laurie suggests Superintendent Lee place calls to choice-out families for a brief chat.
6. SIP Future Goals
 - Decrease Chronic Absenteeism: Work with families to reduce chronic absenteeism by 15%, supporting student attendance through check-ins, communication, and monthly incentives, such as special parking space.
 - Implement Data-Driven Instruction: Support teachers in using assessment data (e.g., MAP, DIBELS) to inform instruction, with the goal that 100% of teachers will use data for lesson planning and targeted interventions by year-end.
 - Enrichment Learning Opportunities: Launch at least two new after-school programs based on student interests while identifying and supporting gifted students, aiming for 40% overall participation in the two new enrichment activities and a 20% increase in school-day advanced program enrollment by year-end. Focus one program on K-3 and the other program on 4-6th grade. Chess, robotics, coding suggested.
 - Also discussed a literacy goal but decided that it is being addressed in the current SIP. The status of the PRISM grant is still uncertain.

- Erika motioned to accept the proposed SIP goals to Decrease Chronic Absenteeism, Implement Data-Driven Instruction, and launch Enrichment Learning Opportunities. Simah seconded, all voted in favor. We will discuss ways to implement them at future meetings.
7. Budget Planning - Current and Future SIP Goals
- Implement Data-Driven Instruction - Need PD time, program cost, curriculum materials for intervention, which are all already budgeted.
 - Enrichment Learning Opportunities - Need stipends, materials for one more club. Ask for 20 weeks x \$50 = \$1,000.
 - Decrease Chronic Absenteeism - Need funds for incentives like gift cards, popcorn parties, trampoline park passes. Ask for \$100/mo x 10 = \$1,000.
 - Foreign Language - Isabelle will do weekly Spanish mini lessons, covered in budget this year. Could also do an after school program next year. Laurie will ask Isabelle about French.
8. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment
- Confirm the date for the next meeting - Thursday, January 9 - 3:15 PM
 - Amy motioned to adjourn, Erika seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:18pm.