

Reilly Elementary Campus Advisory Council Meeting Minutes for Thursday, September 5, 2019

Members present: Jennan Sliman, Amy Wood, Kate Garza, Alma Contreras, Leslie Smith, Elena Rodriguez, Giselle Geer, Monica Smith, Grace Dai, Jamie Berlant-Levine, Julio A. Rodriguez, Jason Summerville, Rob Harla, Corrine Morris

Meeting was called to order at: 4:47pm

May meeting minutes approved: 4:48 pm

Citizens Communication

- 4:48 Leslie S. spoke with a representative from the refugee center located at Reilly to ask if they needed any assistance. The representative communicated that school supplies and backpacks would be helpful to greet the new children. Leslie reached out to HEB about helping sponsor the International Welcome Center, but there is a problem with the timeliness of donation approval. Leslie's idea was to develop a program at Reilly with recruiting "welcome families" to help transition and welcome new students to the Reilly community. She also suggested ways for Reilly students to be involved.
- 4:52 Rob H. suggested ACC may be able to help sponsor some materials.
- 4:55 Alma C. used to run a program to support newcomer families. She is willing to work on a similar program.
- 4:58 Julio R. referenced successful use of Amazon wish list used at shelter at the border.
- 5:00 Ms. Morris suggested an interest meeting to begin making plans. Grace will add it to the agenda for the next PTA general body meeting.
- 5:02 Grace D. suggested we use extra supplies from DPS donation. Ms. Morris agrees, although there is a limited number of supplies.
- 5:04 Jason S. suggests we communicate information about welcoming new families to other schools in the area.

Activities

- 5:11 Purpose of the CAC---district suggested video.
- 5:19 Review of CIP. Drafts are due this month, and revisions are due in October. Ms. Morris invited CAC to make notes and edits while reviewing the draft. CAC discussed strategies regarding campus climate. Safety measures can be communicated this year at Back to School night. Monica S. suggested a guide sent out to parents before the first day of school. Amy W. recommended prior parental notice prior to drills. One potential goal is an SEL Parent Committee. Love and Logic parent workshops were put on last year, but were under enrolled. Discussed possibility of parent book study taking place through Blend. Jamie B. L. experienced book clubs at another school and suggested

casting the club meeting online so more people can participate. She also suggested making the book itself more successful, perhaps through group discounts or audio books. Ms. Morris will try to get the SEL and CTC contacts together to potentially coordinate an online, SEL focused book study in the future.

PTA

- 5:48 Grace D. gave an update for PTA business. They have signed on again with the same school supply order company as last year. Since Reilly will likely move Meet the Teacher Night into classrooms in the future to reduce crowding, this will help streamline delivery of supplies. Grace also discussed changes that will be made for upcoming kinder play dates, in terms of clarifying first day procedures. First movie night is upcoming and will hopefully be sponsored by a local restaurant. A Fall Fest Committee is already in place, but continues to seek volunteers.

Other CAC Business

- 5:59 Both Spanish and Mandarin after school programming has begun. The cisterns (part of the Watershed Project through CoA) will be installed at Reilly in the upcoming months. The Highland Newsletter is a quarterly neighborhood newsletter that has a little space for Reilly if we would like to submit an entry. CAC will consider a person to lead this. Sep/Oct calendar events are posted online at the school website. DL tours begin in November.

Meeting adjourned at: 6:03pm