

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

Members present: Jennan Sliman, Aide De Leon, Grace Dai, Rob Harla, Amy Wood, Monica Smith, Giseyla Lopez-Zubieta, Kate Garza

Meeting was called to order at: 4:37 pm

November meeting minutes approved: 4:37 pm

Citizens Communication

- 4:37pm--Brentwood CAC will not be available today
- 4:38pm--Reilly's consolidation with Ridgetop is currently tabled.
- 4:39pm--Kate asked if there will be engagement from the district with the two schools to clarify and further the consolidation process. CAC is unsure. We will follow up with Jaime about getting a liaison between our CAC and Ridgetop's PTA Advocacy Committee.
- 4:41pm--Ms. Zubieta provided additional school updates. Dual Language tour tomorrow, Friday at 1:30 and December 15th at 10am. MOYs are coming up for the upper grades in the last week of school. The Tamalada will be the last Wednesday of the semester, followed the next day by the Winter Fest. Winter Break is from Dec 20--Jan 7. Students return the 8th.
- 4:43pm--Monica had a question about DL tours. We may need to follow up with Ms. Morris about the number of parents interested in Mandarin dual language for pre-k.
- 4:44pm--Kate asked about number of empty classrooms. Ms. Zubieta believes there are about 7 empty classrooms including portables, but suggests confirming with the principal. Kate mentioned that Brentwood is looking for classrooms to accommodate students while the campus undergoes a modernization process.
- 4:50pm--Primetime (January 7 until May 8) and after school language enrichment (January 13 until May 24) will begin next semester. Primetime is Monday through Wednesday, 3-5:30. They are both free. More info will be added in the December newsletter and when we return.

Activities

- All members review member rights and responsibilities video online.

PTA

- 4:54pm: Membership is at 115.
- 4:54pm: Tax-free shirts will be available at Winter Fest.

- 4:54pm: PTA is planning for tamale orders. Tamales can be ordered online through Konstella.

Other CAC Business

- 4:56pm: Monica has drafted a New Parent How-To guide. She distributed a table of contents. She reviewed the major points and suggests a goal to complete by April or May. She is asking for feedback from CAC members.
- 5:01pm: Amy is asking about how to give feedback back and forth with the administration. Monica suggests a committee could host play dates during the summer. CAC discussed communication concerns regarding identifying classroom parent and communicating with other parents using emails.
- 5:06pm: CAC discussed rolling up the New Parent guide into the Reilly handbook.
- 5:09pm: We received formal permission to receive i9 sports--soccer on Mondays. It will begin January 27th and last 6 sessions. Ms. Hinojosa is working on financial aid. In the flyer for i9 sports, Monica included information about PrimeTime. She will clear the flyer with Ms. Hinojosa before releasing to the school community.
- 5:14pm: Reviewed survey responses regarding the after school soccer program. 52% would sign up for the program, 38% interested but schedule conflicts, 1 person not signing up due to cost, 1 person not interested in sports at Reilly.
- 5:17pm: Monica reviewed AISD facility use fee. She wrote a draft petitioning AISD to reconsider the fee by comparing the prohibitively high fee (cited by sports vendors) to other adjacent districts. CAC expressed agreement. Monica made a motion to vote about sending the letter to AISD. All voted in favor.
- 5:22pm: Kate suggested distributing this document to the district wide PTA meeting to garner additional support.
- 5:23pm: Grace shared updates about Creative Action programming. They are currently at capacity for their programs but think some larger school programs may be downsizing, which could free up capacity to start a program at Reilly. Their largest programs can have a capacity of 120 students. If CA doesn't have the capacity to have a full program (M-F, 3-6pm), they may have the capacity to offer a "partner program" (offer one-off CA classes on a regular basis). CA should have a better idea of capacity in the new year. Grace will stay in touch with CA about upcoming partnerships with Reilly.
- 5:25pm: Grace shared updates about a parent interested in providing after school drumming classes. She will check in with Ms. Hinojosa about getting him involved as a PrimeTime instructor.
- 5:27pm: Jennan will check in with Ms. Morris about how we have funded story wranglers in the past.
- 5:28pm: Monica brought up screen time in schools. She shares that her son is reporting that shows are being used as reward time. She brought up appropriate uses of technology in classrooms.
- 5:30pm: Kate poses the question about whether other schools have policies regarding screen time. She asks what the policies and practices are at Reilly.

- 5:34pm: CAC parents discussed the frequency of specials being combined and concerns about too many videos being shown during class time.
- 5:35pm: Rob brought up the changing culture of technology.
- 5:40pm: At next staff meeting, we will survey screen time among teachers.
- 5:47pm: Next CAC will be on January 9th.

Meeting adjourned at: 5:48pm