

Farnsworth Elementary - Community Council Minutes

Date: 9/10/24

Members in Attendance: Maria Duarte, Frank Ortega, Jennifer Culver, Wendy Lovell, Darlene Aguilera, Senator Quan, Erin Bitner

Meeting Start Time: 4pm Motion to start – Jennifer Culver, Second – Frank Ortega

Senator Quan - Amendments A – Discussed upcoming legislation. Watch for state PTA and UEA to be putting out information on upcoming legislation.

Reviewed rules of order and procedure, and Community Council handbook to start off the meeting. Will do so more in-depth at next meeting.

Celebrations-

Great turn-out -- 12 people attended first 12 PTA Mtg

Almost fully staffed at Farnsworth

Systems getting in place

PBIS Push

New to Farnsworth – Student/Teacher Chill Rms, Stem Room, ELL Room/Pantry in progress

Items of Discussion-

-Council Member Roles:

Motion for Jennifer Culver as Chair – Holly Motioned and Frank (and Darlene) seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Motion for Holly Langston as Vice Chair – Jennifer motioned, Frank seconded it. Unanimous vote.

Frank Ortega will be filling the parent member role of Irene Ortega going forward.

Filling Empty Position: People asking, Inma (Family Center Liaison) checking for interested persons in Family Center). Sandra de los Santos, parent, is willing to join the Community Council as a parent member.

-When to hold meetings: Discussed holding them the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 4-4:40 in the school library.

Title 1 Parent Meeting at SEPs – 6pm both nights, also will be presented at Family Center.

-Reviewed 23-24 Data and CIP Plan

Fall FTE/Staffing – Discussed how we are waiting for information to make plans on FTE.

Title One Next Year- Discussed importance of filling out application for Free and Reduced lunch, because we are at the bottom of the Title 1 status list. Parents brought up concern from some families to fill out form since they might have immigration status and are worried.

Land Trust Amendment/Adjustment: \$500 allowable for Incentives – Jennifer motioned accept, Holly 2nd

Videos: What is Community Council: Will watch at next council meeting

Issues with Ideas:

Student Support: Frank said he would like to work with his business to support students with coupons towards Texas Road House. Talked about doing a fun Friday activity with students.

Safety during student pick-up in the afternoon: One parent noted that at one of their previous schools, the school drive was blocked (with cones) until the bell rang and then parents could come in. They said it reduced parents parking ahead of time and congestion. Lovell will bring it up at next safety committee meeting. Talked about talking to students to remind parents about safety protocol.

Education: Talked about possibly starting a focus group to help get out information to parents on how important attendance, homework, etc. is for students. Focus group could talk about ideas to connect parents who might have language barriers. Focus group could also discuss positives and struggles of school and help support ideas to improve them.

Next Meeting: October 8th 4-4:40pm in the school library

Meeting ended 4:45.

Motion to close: Jennifer Culver, 2nd – Maria Duarte