



This council will meet every other month via zoom with the next meeting being, January 9th at 6:00 PM. Parents Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

November 11th, 2023

6: 30PM, Via Zoom

Attendees: Elizabeth Johnson, Melissa Hedrick, Veronica Gordon, Lekha Mathew, Erin Heltzel, Aleah Forrest, and Yauri Dalencour,

Call to order at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Principal of Alvey Elementary school introduced herself and proceeded with the meeting by stating the purpose for this committee. This is a parent/teacher led Council that provides input to the principal on school continuous improvement and budget spending. This is a goal for our school improvement plan to increase participation. The council present for this meeting is made up of Administration, Specialist, Counselor, teacher, Parent Liaison and Parents from all grade levels. Mrs. Johnson explained that the Advisory Council shall evaluate the data, set priorities, and provide input in the development of the school plan and the school budget. The Advisory Council shall also monitor the school plan and the school budget. The Council members shall act as representatives of the entire school community.

Mrs. Johnson opened the meeting by reviewing the minutes from the August 5th, 2023 meeting. Mrs. Johnson explained the latest insulation of the Amour One bulletproof glass in the school and the reason for this installation at Alvey. It was discussed that the other security measures being used in middle and high schools are not being installed at this time. If this changes she will let families know about the change in security measures at Alvey.

Mrs. Johnson explained the procedures for Lock Down Drills and asked parents what their students were asking about these drills. Or do the parents have any questions. Mrs. Heltzel asked if students were in the cafeteria or library where would they go? What does it look like at recess, dismissal, or arrival. Mrs. Johnson explained that there is a plan and there are multiple staff members (Crisis Team) involved if an actual lockdown occurred or evacuation had to take place. Teachers, parents, and substitutes will know what to do "Knowledge is Power". Staff are working to educate students on these procedures, so students are comfortable with the procedures and drills.

Staff and Budget: The 2023-2024 budget as of September 30th was \$150,000 for spending. Alvey was able to get additional Technology resources, SPED resources, and Staffing. There was a \$50,000 rollover for a total of \$200,000 so we are looking to hire a math tutor. Hired a temporary teacher for the Reading Specialist (she is a retired SPED teacher and General Education teacher).

Family and Community Engagement:

To increase parent involvement in parent advisory council.

Having PAC up and going is moving in the right direction and gives a good perspective. Mrs. Johnson informed the parents about the upcoming Multicultural night on November 15th and there would be twenty-two families representing their country's heritage. Alvey has had Red Ribbon Week - October 23-31, Kid's Heart Challenge/Veterans Day Appreciation Assembly – November 3rd.

Community Service:

Mrs. Johnson explained that with the new Parent Liaison position Mrs. Hedrick is working on many family engagement/community service projects such as the Kids Heart Challenge with American Heart Association, Willing Warriors Retreat, Boxes to Basis, Operation Gratitude (letters and thank you to Military service members being deployed), Reading Incentive (Red Robin) starting in January 2024, Purple Star designation for our school with the Counseling Department, as well as other opportunities.

Mrs. Johnson opened the floor for discussion to the council: Mrs. Veroncia Gordan asked about the cost of the second lunch being higher than the first lunch. Mrs. Johnson explained that the cafeteria lunch fees are mandated by PWCS Food and Nutrition Department not Alvey. Mrs. Gordan also asked about other enrichment opportunities other than the lottery ones being offered currently at Alvey. Mrs. Dalencour would like to set up a meeting with Melissa Hedrick to discuss further STEM, art and technology option as afterschool programs. Parents suggested sending out a form and seeing what talents or projects parents are willing to teach at the school. It was also mentioned to see if an open forum could be set up for rising 5th grade parents to meet with current middle school parents to ask questions about what to expect moving forward.

Next Meeting Date: January 9th, 2024 : Via: Zoom Meeting after PTO meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 PM