Ferron Elementary School
School Community Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Council Meeting Minutes:

1- Welcome New Members

New member, Jessica Greenhalgh and guest, Alysia Burr (parent) were welcomed to the first SCC meeting of the school year.

2- Title I Documents Review & Approval

Stephanie Roper presented the current school year's Title I correspondence including the Parent/Student/Teacher Compact, Parent/Family Engagement Policy and Title I Targeted Assistance Plan 2020-21. She also discussed this year's upcoming Title I audit and compliance requirements for the program. One area of positive interest is the new implementation of the Really Great Reading program enhancing the current BURST program, classroom literacy instruction and targeted individual instruction. Another new action is Early Release Wednesday, in which identified eligible students will be invited to join paraprofessionals and teachers for targeted instruction after school hours to receive small group or individual intensive instruction to address deficits in reading skills. It was also mentioned the quality of the paraprofessionals working in the school and how they greatly contribute to student success.

3- Safe Schools presentation

Safe Schools Suicide Prevention and Community Council training video links were shared via email to all council members.

4- SCC Chair nomination

Current Chair, Christella Lake will remain the chairperson for the 2020-21 school year.

5- Summary Report of Previous Plan

The SCC reviewed the Summary Report prepared by Principal Behling. The previous plan was followed as originally planned with the exception of extra monies not spent due to the COVID "soft closure". The committee was reminded of their decision to allocate those extra funds to adding a Chromebook cart and additional Chromebooks to the school to assist in

providing appropriate technology to students for blended and distance learning.

6- Review of Current Plan

The current plan was reviewed including new programs being implemented for the 2020-21 school year. These include the district wide schedule change of Early Release Wednesday in which students at every elementary are dismissed around 1pm to allow educators professional development, PLC and targeted student intensive instruction time. An intensive instruction program new to Ferron Elementary this year is the Really Great Reading Program. This program will support students in closing the gaps in their reading skills. It is an intensive instruction curriculum that enhances the general classroom instruction. The current plan originally had funding assigned for teachers to attend the Solution Tree PLC conference which was recently canceled. That money will be redistributed to support the payroll expense to cover the half-time teacher hired for the 5th grade.

7- Budget Review

The budget was reviewed noting the changes redistributing the PLC conference funds to support teacher wages. Other budgeted funds plan to be utilized as originally budgeted.

8- Dates of Meetings for the School Year

Meetings will be held the following dates, tentatively scheduled at 10 a.m.: Dec. 3, 2020; Jan. 21, 2021; Mar. 4, 2021; Mar. 18, 2021; Apr. 1, 2021

9- Other Council Business

The Committee reviewed Beginning-of-Year (BOY) Acadience:DIBELS data which lead to discussion and concerns regarding school closures, the impact on student learning and how to address gaps in skills. There was also thorough conversation on the stress distance learning is having on students, families and especially teachers.
There was also a review of the upcoming Bond being proposed by the ECSD to begin building a new Ferron Elementary and Emery High School. The discussion included the significant need for new facilities throughout the County and the minimal financial impact it would have on property owners while there is still financial support from local natural resources.

10- Community Comment

None