School Governance Meeting (SGC)
Tracey Elementary
1/30/17

Meeting started: 5:30 pm

Members present: Naglaa Bahnasy, Carole Constandaki, Amanda Griffith, Lisa Kaplan, Adil Khan, Tiffany Kiarikidis, Susan Kivits, Carla Monteiro, Robert Riddell, Amy Silvester, John Sincerbeaux, Theresa Rangel, Godfrey Azima

Minutes Keeper: Susan Kivits

1. **Introductions**: Newest member of SGC was introduced. Welcome to Godfrey Azima! The rest of the committee introduced themselves to our newest member.
2. **Review of Norms:** Norms from previous meeting were reviewed: Be on time, open and respectful conversations, be present and engaged, use positive language, keep the children as the focus.

3. **Discussion on Budget:**
   - Budget is being driven by rising insurance costs (statewide and local).
   - Some solutions for the insurance increase is being looked into – For example, combining insurance with the state.
   - Theresa passed out the student based budget sheet. At $5,350.00 per student X 392 students = $2,097,200.00. However, much of that will go to teacher’s salaries.
   - Theresa explained some of the budget process and went over the “Tracey Operating Budget Request”
• It was bought up that maybe we should look into more grant opportunities to increase funding.

• Theresa will share up to date information (coming out Feb. 1st) with committee when she receives it.

4. Afterschool Programs:

• The programs will run throughout the month of February from 3:45pm- 5:15pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

• Theresa listed the enrichment programs offered: School Newspaper with Mr. Steiner; Cooking with Ms. Mikel; Soccer with Mr. Sanchez; Journal Making with Ms. Siletto; Girls Group with Mrs. Wolfe and Ms. Siletto; Science Club with Mr. Sincerbeaux.

• Theresa passed out and reviewed the grant information pertaining to these programs.

5. Sub-committees:
• The SGC discussed looking into ways to receive additional funding for our school. We discussed reaching out to area/local businesses and looking into additional grants
• Various SGC members volunteered to look into business opportunities and grants (Amanda Griffith – Stew Leonard’s; Tiffany Kirarikides – Costco; Godfrey Azima – 501 ©s; Amy Silvester; Rob Riddell – NEF; Carla Monteiro and John Sincerbeaux – grant opportunities)
  *I apologize if I left someone out. I did not get all the specifics down (first night on the job!) so please let me know if I left someone or something out.

6. Parent Survey: We briefly discussed ways in which we could encourage more participation in our parent survey. Some ideas included:
  • Discussing it at the all school assembly on Friday
• Having a read aloud night – while the students listen to a story, their parents can log into a school computer and complete the survey

• Offering students a night off from homework if their parents complete the survey as their homework

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm
Next meeting: February 13th