



Wards Creek School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The Wards Creek Elementary Advisory Council Meeting commenced in Wards Creek Room 580 on October 12th, 2023. Debra Pasquale made a motion to call the meeting to order and Danielle LoPinto seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried forward. The meeting started at 3:35PM. Morgan Brown recorded the minutes for this meeting.

II. Notes

Reviewed and approved September 2023 notes. Danielle LoPinto made a motion to approve, and Debra Pasquale seconded the motion.

III. Principal Update/ Reflection

a. Safety Update:

What can we do differently? Accidental lock down occurred. It was a great chance to see what needs to be changed. Several things seen in a situation where we want to get as close to 100 percent as possible. Trying to get 3 speakers outside. Homeroom teachers talking to students on where to go when in the classroom and while in other parts of the school. First practice students were used to a classroom setting. Students were not use to an accidental lockdown. Teacher accidentally triggered the lockdown, or it was a safety setting. A new Centegix card was given in case it was a faulty card. Safety is Kevins number one concern and to continue to keep our kids safe.

b. Book Fair, Spaghetti, and Bingo Night:

Parents complimenting how much fun the spaghetti and bingo night was as well as bookfair. Awesome event. Kevin is very thankful for the PTO finding opportunities for our kids.

c. Buddy-a-Thon Rewards and Stuffing Days :

Awards for all the students' hard work raising funds is happening. Kids haven't quit talking about the pig, pie, and the event tomorrow. Kevin is excited about showing the kids the shade structures.

d. Classroom Observations

Great things going on in the classroom. Teachers are doing amazing things and admin is ablet to see the great learning in action.

e.FTE Week



Tomorrow is last day of FTE count. 1196. 4 kids away from 1,200. All our classrooms have teachers, and we are in great shape.

IV. School Improvement Plan

Anytime you have questions regarding our school improvement plan give Kevin a call. Its purpose is to identify the focus areas. Our highest priority is to continue to improve with the Marzano framework. Students test scores are the best they have been in the last 7 years. Kevin is very proud of the teachers and the students test scores.

Highest priorities in the upcoming school year.

- 1) Intentional planning for relevance: rigor.
- 2) Maximizing the strategies within the Marzano framework, especially in the element of helping students elaborate on content.
- 3) Homogenous grouping amongst the team for interventions.
- 4) Providing more support facilitation time for ESE students by decreasing the amount of pulling students out in a resource setting.

V. Old Business

a. SAC Budget:

SAC Budget-Fund requests? SAC budget is the same. Almost \$2,450.00. There has been no request for funds. Would like to make teachers aware of the funds available.

Question: Where do the funds come from?

Answer: It's a state fund. It's a certain dollar amount for each kid. The goal is that it will support school wide initiatives. SAC team is really the academic support. For example, dream box is a math resource that we have. Kevin asks if teachers have a request to come talk to him to see if it impacts the school improvement plan and if it does then it will be presented to SAC.

VI. PTO Updates

a. Buddy-A-Thon:

We crushed our goal and earned 60,000. Sunshades were able to be purchased for the courtyard. Stuffing is 18,19,20th.



b. Fall Festival:

10/20 from 5:00-8:00 800 people in attendance rain or shine. Inflatable games, hotdogs pizza. Super fun for the kids.

c. Sykes Farm Spirit Night:

Will be held on 10/27. 15.00 per ticket. School will receive 10 percent back. Fun night for families.

d. Upcoming dates:

- November 9th: Veteran's Day wearing purple. Coffee and donuts in the courtyard. Will occur in the morning right after pickup.
- Spirit wear closes on the 13th
- 5th grade shirts on the 31st please
- PJS on the 27th
- Snack cart up and running for teachers. Getting to bring it around for the teachers last Friday of every month.
- Boo grams available October 16th-25th and will also be available at the fall festival. If you want to buy them, they will physically be there.
- Quarterly breakfast 17th for teachers.

New Business

a. Character Counts and Business Partners Night: 10/18 FCTC . middle school students are invited to talk about character counts and what it means to them and a time for us to get together with our business partners.

b. Report Cards: 10/24

c. Red Ribbon Week: 10/23-10/27

d. Literacy Parade: 10/31 Traditional literacy parade will occur. Brainstorming some ideas. Potential time sessions with growth of school.

VI. Any Additional Questions/Concerns

None

VII. Next Meeting – November 16th, 2023

VIII. Adjourn

Danielle LoPinto made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Debra Pasquale seconded. The meeting ended at 4:02



Attendance

Chair: Kelly Neel

Secretary: Morgan Brown

Principal: Kevin Klein

Members/attendees present:

Danielle LoPinto

Deborah Pasquale

Kevin Klein

Morgan Brown

Kelly Neel