

Shaughnessy School Site Council Meeting Minutes 4/18/2021

Present: Greg Passeri, Karen Walton, Kim Bettancourt, Samantha Jones, Marcia DaRocha, Sarah Brown, Kelsie Ulrick

Not Present: Kerryann Coppinger, Shawn Schiffer

Additional: Renee Espinola

School Expansion Plan:

Comm. Riley said schools can go to 3 feet distancing.

Many parents are satisfied with remote learning compared to other places.

LPS is planning, but DESE is giving stronger direction that we have to take into consideration.

Principal sent a short survey to the 75% remote learning families with specific questions.

Results of the survey show that 49% want their child in school as of April 5th no matter what the distancing is and 11% want their child to stay remote because distancing may decrease.

No transportation for pre-k and K students. Transportation for grades 1-6 who live 2-miles or more away from our school.

SC is trying to reduce that 2-mile distance so more students can get a bus.

There will be a Shaughnessy School forum on March 25th for parents who have students that are returning to school in person.

About 30 families left to reach for the school survey and that should happen this week.

QIP:

Added in goals to the QIP since as a team we agreed to keep everything almost the same with our QIP from last year.

Principal sent survey to teachers and used that data to help write goals. Teachers felt they needed more support with community meeting and they also felt the interventions put in place in all academic areas were working and successful. Teachers have reported they can still do community meeting remotely.

ELA goal: Improve reading instruction to include phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.

Math: Continue with math writing to support student growth.

SEL: Support teachers with community meeting and work in tandem with DESSA tool.

STMath: Hopefully we will receive the grant to support math writing and accountable talk.

Budget:

Over the past three years, we have worked with Chief Turner to help make our school come up to compliance.

SPED testing was slowed down last year due to COVID, so consequently our caseload is lower.

We have extra money coming into our school due to the pandemic, but that money might not always be funded to our school. Therefore, we have to make data driven decisions.

Historical piece: About 20 years ago we lost a SPED teacher for a Social Worker, however Title 1 positions are separate on this budget.

We are not cutting any teacher positions.

We have one mainstream para for each grade level, one para for Pre-K and one for each K class. Then we have para's for our CSA classes (9).

Five tutors on the books but we have only been able to staff four this year. We have added two 18 hour positions. This will be beneficial to support students in the classroom.

If we add a .5 parent liaison then we can only add one tutor. Lina is our current parent liaison.

The web manager is not part of our budget because our principal is taking on this role.

Instructional supplies we have \$8,000. We need to use some of that money for ST Math and Letter Land. We can save money if we cost share the Letter Land program with other schools.

Books have been depleted during remote learning. We have \$30,496 in general supplies and this can go towards our school library.

Hegarty is phonemic awareness and teachers and paras have given great feedback. Open Circle would be a program we would like to have our staff trained in. PD for smart board training.

These items would come out of the \$15,000 PD money.

We made a \$22,500 commitment to buy five interactive whiteboards. Smart boards are already ordered. We have 7 projectors to put in the early childhood classrooms so teachers can use them as we have more students come to school on April 5th.

Allocated \$15,000 for technology to close the gap between what the city buys and what we need as a school. For example, we will use this money for devices that may break or become lost that the school needs to replace.

We already put money aside to give every teacher \$200 for supplies.

All are in agreement about the budget. No further discussion needed other than to follow up with those not present.

Meeting adjourned