

Mapleton School Community Council Minutes: October 9th, 2023

In Attendance: Cami Thomas (principal), Larisa Hayden, Hali Newbold, Alisa Liston, Natalie Palmer, Margie Jordan

Absent: Jana Nance, Katie Thorpe

Minutes:

- 1) Hali Newbold was made chair and Larisa Hayden was made vice chair in a unanimous vote. Hali led us in the pledge.
- 2) Cami Thomas and Alisa Liston talked about the district meetings, the dates, and what they talk about at those meetings. Cami was going to talk to Katie or Jana about attending the meeting on October 25th. Alisa Liston volunteered to go if neither of the other two could go.
- 3) Cami led the council through the community council training powerpoint provided by the state. If anyone is wanting more information you can go to: www.schoollandtrust.org This website has additional training and information on the purpose of the school community council.
- 4) Cami explained how we currently spend some of the trustlands money. She explained the school's Power Hour including how it works and why we are using our technicians and pull outs this way. She also explained our school's problem of practice and our focus moving forward to increase student growth overall. She opened for questions from parents. There were no questions.
- 5) The principal explained our school-wide character trait initiative. This is the program our school is using to help student health and wellness at our school. Each month is a new character trait focus. At the end of the month all students get a backpack tag and the school does a celebration victory lap celebrating classes who have excelled in that trait that month. Natalie Palmer asked how this was sent out to parents and asked for further clarification. She felt there might be some confusion with parents not knowing the trait we are working on. Cami will send the monthly character trait in the parent emails that go out.
- 6) A parent brought up a concern about the lack of sidewalks on some of our safe walking routes to the school. Several parents in the community have expressed this

concern. The principal has brought up this concern in many of her meetings with the city. Parents are very concerned about this issue and feel more needs to be done. One family has reached out to UDOT and the city as well. The issue has been the fact that home owners along the route would have to pay for part of the bill. Parents are concerned that a child will have to be hurt or killed before something is done about it. This is hard because it is a city concern more than a school concern, but it affects students daily.

7) Next Meeting will be held November 13th at 9:30am. The focus of the meeting will be current funding and looking at data to prepare for writing the School Trustlands Proposal.