

Midvale Elementary  
School Community Council  
December 14, 2017

Present: Debbie Johnson, Sierra Eastmond, Mont Millerberg, Cordell Millerberg, Michelle Bennett, Carrie Wagner, Alma Ballbuena, Heidi Sanger, Amy Buckley, Melanie Kelsey, Vanessa Cicero, Haley Bridge (Via Facetime)

The principal was excused from the meeting, He had a family obligation.

The previous minutes were reviewed. Amy motioned to approve the minutes as written, Alma seconded. The minutes were approved.

Vanessa Cicero informed the group about Digital Citizenship. She was filling in for Emily Johnson, our school's digital citizenship coordinator. Brain Boosters touches on this info in their classes all year long.

Sierra Eastmond wrapped up the Focus Groups research. Her research was regarding School Community Councils with our SCC, Family Learning center and Administration. She conducted these focus groups at Copperview Elementary and Midvale Elementary. She was looking to do research at lower income schools and the schools were chosen based on the free and reduced lunch rates. The Role, Purpose and Function of SCC was discussed.

The two schools had remarkably similar findings. Chief concerns were lack of information about what SCC does, the times of the meetings, lack of invitations to others to attend and poor Spanish translation. Alma agreed with many in the group saying the Spanish translation is lacking. Others mentioned that translation from the district takes too long. A part time, professional translator for our school could be employed with SCC money. We will look at this for next year.

The lack of representation of our school's majority minority group of native Spanish speakers was discussed. It must be a collaborative effort and this group should be informed, welcomed and have a vested interest in SCC.

Our personal role in the success of SCC was discussed. It is absolutely imperative that everyone come into the meetings with their own perspectives and represent that. If there was a more accurate representation of our school's demographics, the SCC would be much more vibrant and perhaps true improvements could be made. Communications must be improved, translators should be present.

Sierra thanked everyone for their time and attention. She will be writing up her findings in the next few months and will probably coming to a future SCC meeting to report.

Mont Millerberg brought up a concern about the parking lot. It is absolutely crazy and dangerous. He suggested more parking lot enforcers encouraging people to follow the rules and to keep the traffic moving. He mentioned that Kevin Ray of risk management could do an analysis of our school's lot.

Ms. Kelsey also mentioned that crosswalks around the schools are dangerous, noting a recent Midvale Elementary student hit while crossing the road. Lights or signs need to be addressed. This is a city issue. Our SCC can write a letter to the city from the School Community Council about this. We can have our students, teachers, and families sign the letter.

Debbie motioned to conclude the meeting. Heidi seconded. The meeting was dismissed.

The next SCC meeting will be held on January 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm.