

Horizon Elementary Community Council Minutes  
11/30/2023

In attendance: Brittney Johnson, Courtney Anderson, Jennifer Dobson, Kalli Davenport, Liesl Comeford, Megan Bryan, Kara Remington, April Heath

11:30 – Brittney Johnson welcomed everyone and reviewed September’s meeting minutes. Jennifer Dobson motioned to approve September’s meeting minutes and Liesl Comeford seconded the motion.

11:35 – School wide management plan discussion. April explained Horizon’s school rules and Helps as well as what the Power Chair and Skills Room are for. Community Council members were encouraged to attend one of our Parent Partnership Workshops to gain a better understanding of how we are teaching students to cope in healthy ways at school and how parents can support this at home.

11:55 - School Safety and Digital Safety plans reviewed. Jennifer Dobson asked if there is a way to see what the students are learning with our school counselor. April mentioned that anyone is welcome to reach out and we will gladly share our content. Liesl Comeford mentioned that a lot of what is covered in the Counselor lessons is also emailed to parents; specifically during Red Ribbon Week.

**\*\*Lessons are shared on our school website\*\***

12:05 - USBE Culture Survey review. Discussion on what is going well with the culture at Horizon and what we can improve on.

Going Well:

- relationships between faculty/staff and students are positive
- kids have time to have recess/play/just be kids
- healthy use of Skills/behavior management: students know and will voice to their parents that they are not in trouble when they go to Skills.

The Skills Room is a safe place to take a break, be coached through problems, finish a test, etc. The hope is that when a student tells a parent that they went to Skills, the parent will say, “Oh good. Were they able to help you?”

Needs Improvement:

- feeling of a division between dual immersion and non-dual immersion classes
- What more can be offered (specials, gifted and talented, before/after school options)?

12:15 - Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be on January 25th at 11:30