

Douglas County School District
Douglas Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Zephyr Cove Elementary School
226 Warrior Way, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448
Monday, April 9, 2018
5:30 PM

APPROVED

Minutes

5/14/2018

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Present:

Trustees:

Carey Kangas, School Board Member

Personnel:

Teri White, Superintendent

Rommy Cronin-Mack, Executive Director – Area 3

Nancy Cauley, ZCES Principal

Susan Desrosiers, ZCES Teacher

Parent Representatives:

Phil Sorensen, DCPEA

Stella Roper, ZCES Parent

Kari Karwoski, PWLMS Parent

Amy Roby, CCMES Parent

Claudia DeLange, SES Parent

Courtney Sant, GWHS Teacher

Amy Carter, CVMS Parent

Dorothy Dean, ZCES Parent

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Cronin-Mack called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. Public Comment

Mrs. Cronin-Mack called for public comment. None was given.

3. Approve Meeting Minutes

The Minutes for the March 12, 2018, meeting were approved.

4. Work Session

Mrs. Cronin-Mack welcomed everyone and asked for introductions.

Parent Involvement Highlights from ZCES

Ms. Nancy Cauley, ZCES Principal, shared the following family engagement observations, strategies and activities from ZCES:

- BTSN - Pizza, ZCPC Introductions and Purpose - 2 sessions
- PBIS & SEL school to home connection
- Parent Teacher conferences twice a year
- Parent volunteers/field trips - science expo, Corley Ranch, Taylor Stream profile
- FFT - Kindergarten autumn, 5th grade winter
- Family Math night - October - each student gets a menu and if they complete all activities they get a free book
- Family Literacy Night - Parent Club provided pizza, went to classrooms, shared new readers workshop library, book fair was open, when done, picked out a book, 6th grade teacher gave away books
- ZCPC activities
 - Jog-a-thon
 - "A Night in Tahoe" Winter fundraiser
 - Various Assemblies - Tahoe Arts Project & Kindness Assembly - came as a part of concerns from the Parents Club about recent events - end of this year and beginning of next year. Using Brian Williams to help with the kickoff.
 - 4th of July Parking Lot Fundraiser - share proceeds with GWHS - based on number of volunteers and hours donated
- Communication with Parents
 - Teacher Newsletters
 - Friday Facts and Flyers - goes out weekly
 - Cauley's Corner - recaps
 - Teacher Websites
 - ZCPC Facebook Page
 - Communications Meetings
 - Random - sent out invitations - invited 20 and 4 came - did in the morning, next one will do in the afternoon
 - ZCPC - invited board members to come

Discussion of Revisions to DCSD AR 513 Grading

- Mrs. Cronin-Mack led the review and discussion. Based on the previous discussion, most of the language from Lyon County School District was embedded into the AR and the group went through line by line to make changes and adapt the language to reflect the group's input. The suggestion was made and accepted by the group that the driving principles be changed to "Valid, Reliable, Impartial and Understandable." The heading, "Guiding Questions for Grading" was changed to "General Principles for Grading". Each bullet underneath was then changed to a statement instead of a question. Other recommendations for further discussion and language development were to add "writing performance standards" and language at the secondary level on the weighting of End of Course exams.
- Mrs. Cronin-Mack let the committee know that the K-2 Report Card Committee was also reviewing and rewriting language around grading and she would be sharing some of that at the next meeting.
- Additionally, Mrs. Cronin-Mack communicated to the committee that the committee's recommendations would be reviewed by the Executive Cabinet as well as the school administrators for further input.

5. Public Comment #2

Mrs. Cronin-Mack called for public comment.

Mr. Phil Sorensen commented that the DCPEA was not aware of changes to grading that the committee was recommending. He will try to make it to future meetings.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.