

Oakridge Elementary
School Advisory Council Minutes
October 3, 2018

Overview: The purpose of this meeting is to discuss important school related information.

Welcome! Meeting called to order by Mrs. Pendlebury at 7:35am. Mr. Aguilar went around the room and introduced everyone.

Announcements:

- October 25th – Read for the Record: We are looking for volunteers to read to Prek and K. The district will provide the books for the read aloud.
- Approval of Minutes – Oakley motions to approve. Michelle seconds the motion.

Topics:

- **Dad's School Day** – We had many dads participate.
- **School Data** – Our goal for students is to make a learning gain every single year. Students can enter Kindergarten already behind and at a learning disadvantage. Students in our area may not be exposed to life experiences or preschool/PreK prior to entering Kindergarten which can explain the learning gap. Mr. Aguilar has introduced VPK to Oakridge and expanded it to 2 classes this year with the anticipation that students will enter Kindergarten with the resources and learning experiences needed. We are current at 30% of students on level. Our current goal is 54% on grade level. Our long term goal is like for 70% of our students on grade level. The plan to increase student achievement includes the addition of VPK classes, adding gifted/high achieving classes in 1st and 2nd, creative organization/departmentalization of classes in 5th grade, and additional support for grades 3 and 4 from the Reading, Math, and Science Coaches. The special area teachers are also pushing in to 4th grade classrooms for support.
- **Hispanic Unity Family Strengthening Classes** – 8 families enrolled. 5 families showed up for last nights class. It was the first class.
- **Safety and Security** – No current updates at this time. Safety and security is a top priority at Oakridge.
- **Lunch** – Parents need to apply for free and reduced lunch. The “Principal’s Account” will no longer be funded for students that do not have lunch money. Parents must either apply for free or reduced lunch, send lunch with their child or send in lunch money.

Reports

- **PTA Updates** – Trunk or Treat October 26th. Need volunteers to setup the haunted house. Thank you to the parents, Miss Moore and Mrs. Pendlebury for coming to the Coco Movie Night. Dinner and Date event is coming up as well as the winter concert.
- **Title I** – We received an additional 13,000 dollar in Title I money. We are currently looking at different ideas to spend the money. Miss Moore suggested using some of the money for sub coverage so teachers can attend professional development. We currently have some money allocated for sub coverage. We are also looking to spend Title I money on resources. Some ideas for resources are: Ready books for next year and Science Coach books for 4th and 5th.
- **New Staff Members** – The district has budgeted us for a new K teacher, we are hiring a new teacher for 5th and 2 pool substitutes. We have not received funds for an additional 1st grade class. We are currently a little over in 1st but not enough to hire an additional teacher.

Parent Question: Is there a way to promote more parent involvement in PreK? We are not receiving a lot of information about what parents can be doing at home with their children. Parents need resources from the community that will help continue the learning after school is out. Parents are also asking for information from the classroom teacher regarding what are they currently learning so that we can continue working at home. Mr. Aguilar will remind teachers to have a classroom parent representative (Room Parents) for each room. These parents would assist the teacher with communication, help in the classroom or at home if needed. They will be used to email parents with reminders, such as SAC or PTA meetings.

Parent Question: How is bullying addressed at school? Mr. Aguilar explained the school protocol regarding bullying allegations, parent follow up. Some proactive Social Emotional learning strategies are: Oakridge is implementing CHAMPS to help with classroom management. We are also implementing Mood Meters in the classroom to help students understand how they are feeling.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39.