

School Community Council meeting minutes

Cherry Creek Elementary

2023-2024

Date: Tuesday, November 14th, 2023

In attendance:

Kate Kubina, parent

Bryce Roby, parent

Shannon Anderson, parent

Rosalee Dougal, parent

Leslie Williams, parent

Brooklyn Eden, parent

Amy Darrington, Principal

Stephanie Galt, Teacher Representative, Title-1 Staff Developer

Motion to begin meeting: Rosalee Dougal

2nd the motion: Kate Kubina

Agenda Item(s):

1. Culture Week Follow-up

- Usually, November is Native American Heritage Month
 - We've in the past had the Native American Hoop dancers come and perform in November
 - I spoke with the PTA in the summer and informed them we wouldn't be doing the Native American Hoop Dancers as a separate event this year as we wanted to incorporate ALL the cultures of Cherry Creek
 - Black: 7
 - Caucasian: 246

- Hispanic: 100
- Multiracial: 26
- Native American: 8
- Pacific Islander: 5

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Discussion from Council:

- Appreciated culture week and celebrating all cultures.
- Appreciated seeing the breakdown of each demographic
- Like that we highlighted more than just the Native American culture and used materials supplied by parents
- Want to continue some sort of culture celebration and awareness for all cultures equally

2. Approval of Christmas movies

2nd grade: The movie is PG because there are some fight scenes that show weapons. There is a scene that shows people carrying a bundle and it's implied that it's a body, but it doesn't show the body. There isn't any blood and no one actually uses the weapons, they just hold them pointed at each other.

It is a Santa Claus origin story and we'd like to compare/contrast these stories from different cultures.

Here is a synopsis of the story:

When Jesper (Jason Schwartzman) distinguishes himself as the postal academy's worst student, he is stationed on a frozen island above the Arctic Circle, where the feuding locals hardly exchange words let alone letters. Jesper is about to give up when he finds an ally in local teacher Alva (Rashida Jones), and discovers Klaus (Oscar® winner J.K. Simmons), a mysterious carpenter who lives alone in a cabin full of handmade toys. These unlikely friendships return laughter to Smeerensburg, forging a new legacy of generous neighbors, magical lore and stockings hung by the chimney with care.

1st grade: The Grinch 2018: 1st grade would like to watch The Grinch (2018) in spirit of our 1st grade Grinch Day. We celebrate all day long by doing Grinch math, writing, and literacy activities.

It is rated PG for brief rude humor. The Kids-In-Mind evaluation includes scenes of property damage and dangerous antics that do not end in visible injury.

We plan to send home a permission slip to ensure that each student is granted permission by their guardian to watch the movie.

5th grade:

I need to get the SCC's approval for the Jim Carey Christmas Carol Movie by Disney. Each year we read Dicken's Christmas Carol as a class. For my Christmas party, we watch this version of A Christmas Carol because it is the closest to Dicken's original language in the book. Until you get to the 4th stave (ghost of Christmas Future) where Disney takes some weird liberties. It's these liberties that gives the movie a PG rating for scary scenes (scrooge gets chased by a dark horse and the ghost of Christmas Future).

I am also planning on watching Johnny Tremain with my students from Disney, which is not rated because it was made in 1957. It does have some guns being fired and people falling down as if they are dead after the gunfire (since it's focused on the Sons of Liberty and American Revolution), but there is no blood or gore. There is also a scene where Johnny burns his hand badly and his fingers fuse together, but again, the actual burning is not shown.

Discussion by council: All movies approved

3. School Safety Information

- New Language for Drills
- Showed signs and new symbols
- Drills held 1 X a month
- District has purchased Raptor which is an application that will allow for immediate communication among staff
- Lock Box in the front of the building for safety personnel to immediately have multiple keys to classrooms
- Follow up on the road safety conversations with Springville City
 - Cross Walks
 - Emergency response procedures and protocol
- Follow up on bus conversations
 - Should be resolved (somewhat)

4. Read and approve the Title One Plan

Discussion:

- Stephanie reviewed the plan and all council members agreed and signed the form.
- Leslie Williams asked about Gifted and Talented programs and Amy explained the CoGat testing option, and the faculty meeting held that morning with ideas for scaffolding in classrooms for GT students.

4. PBIS Plan

- SWAMP visit
- Croc Cave visit

Discussion:

- Bryce Roby pointed out that the SWAMP has some very effective procedures in place to teach students about feelings and emotions

Motion to close the meeting: Brooklyn Eden

2nd the motion: Shannon Anderson

Dates for our 2023-2024 Meetings:

September 12th, October 10th--held at the District Office Board Room 3:30-5:00, November 14th, January 9th, March 12th, April 9th, NO MEETING IN MAY

SCC Rules of Order:
Cherry Creek School Community Council Rules of Order
2023-2044

1. Monthly meetings will generally be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm during the school year in the collaboration center.
2. Council members are expected to be in attendance at each meeting. If circumstances do not permit attendance, the council member will contact the council chairman, vice-chairman, or facilitator before the meeting.
3. Meetings will be held for one hour whenever possible.
4. The council chairperson conducts the meetings.
5. After consulting with the chairman and principal, the facilitator will prepare an agenda for each meeting.
6. The facilitator will post the meeting agenda and minutes from the previous meeting on the school website one week before the meeting.
7. Each council member will be allowed to express ideas and opinions without fear of personal criticism. Each member will treat every other member with respect and make an honest effort to understand others' points of view. The council will strive to reach a consensus on decisions.
8. All votes will be taken as counted votes.