

Free Home Elementary

School Council Virtual Meeting

February 9, 2021

1. Call to Order 7:00 AM. Those in attendance were Keith Marshall, Alison Johnson, Lacy Savage, Becky Chimera, Rachael Wilkerson, Courtney Lott, Jay Wallace, Wendy Comeletti, and Principal Julie Peppers.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda – Unanimous acceptance vote
4. Approval of prior meeting notes from 11/10/20
5. Report of the Principal
 - a. Enrollment Update – face to face learning has 256 students, and digital learning has 26. 2019/2020 had 287 total students, while 2020/2021 has 282.
 - b. Covid-19 Response – using DPH guidelines, there are now 3 options with returning to school after a quarantine. (Return on day 8 with a test after the 5th day wearing a mask until the 14th day, return after 10 days wearing a mask, or return after 14 days with no mask requirement.) Letters are no longer being sent to parents about positive cases, however they are posted on the CCSD website. Staff is doing a great job with mask reminders, cleaning, and sanitizing.
 - c. Upcoming Events/Calendar – Winter Break is 2/15 – 2/19, Virtual PTA Meeting is 2/24 at 2:40 PM, and Internet Safety Night is 2/25 at 6 PM. Teacher Appreciation Week will be 3/1 – 3/5, Virtual Read Across America Day will be 3/2, Virtual Job Fair will be 3/6, and End of Quarter 3 will be 3/18. Spring Break is 4/5 – 4/9, and our next council meeting will be 4/13 at 7 AM. Questions asked were about vaccine availability and the plan for the next school year.
 - d. Exciting News – the Virtual Sing-along went well, with digital learners joining in as well, and Free Home had a lot of DFACS toy donations. The new playground is open and classes rotate between play areas. Five chromebooks were purchased thanks to a donation, Teacher of the Year is Katie Garrison, and Support Staff of the Year is Amy George. The 2 weeks of remote learning went well, teachers worked hard and enjoyed a donated boxed CFA lunch. The Wallace siblings were both winners of the Spelling Bee, with Huck Wallace winning at the county level. The 100th day of school was 1/26. Jay Wallace told us that 90 acres were purchased by the county, close to the school, to develop a park setting with nature trails.
6. Old Business – Follow up on WatchDOGS program is that due to the ongoing pandemic and volunteers not being allowed in the school, the program is on hold and will be addressed in the future. For Business Partner Appreciation, certificates were done for Companies that Care, and there will be talk with

PTA about certificates for Business Partners, with possible pictures taken later in the Spring.

7. New Business
 - a. Elect New Officers – There are 5 council members rolling off after this school year. Wendy will send out election information in March, for voting to elect next year’s council in early April.
 - b. Update on Events – There is discussion with PTA of an in house fundraising effort, Milestones testing will be in April, and there is discussion for an abbreviated Field Day in May.
8. Adjournment