

**Leadership Learning Academy
Ogden Campus
Community Council Meeting Minutes
9/04/24**



In Attendance:

Jared Buckley - Director
Micah Smith - Parent
Tanya Smith - Parent
Jessica Bataller - Parent
Ashley Chavez - Parent
Logun Conger - Teacher
Brianna Davis - School Counselor
Kim McClellan - School Principal
Kristine Bowman - Assistant Principal

The Community Council Meeting on 9/4/24 focused on increasing parent involvement and setting goals for the school year. Key points included the need for a two-parent majority on the council, with roles such as chair, vice chair, and secretary outlined. The council aims to enhance academic achievement, improve school safety, and provide community resources. Specific initiatives discussed were Title I funding for resources like school counselor and social worker, and School Land Trust funds for English/language arts programs. The next meeting is scheduled for October, with a focus on setting goals and involving more parents.

Introduction and Purpose of the Meeting

- Jared Buckley welcomes everyone and emphasizes the goal of increasing parent involvement in the school community.
- The meeting aims to set goals and involve parents in academic and community activities.
- The structure of the school community council is explained, including the role of the chair and other responsibilities.
- The agenda includes introductions, purpose and vision, roles and responsibilities, establishing bylaws, setting goals, and open discussion.

Introductions and Roles

- Jared Buckley introduces himself as the director at Leadership Learning Academy, and provides a brief history of his tenure.
- Kim McClellan introduces herself as the current principal and shares her background.
- Kristine Bowman, introduces herself as the assistant principal and mentions her six years of experience.
- Other participants introduce themselves, including teachers, parents, and the school counselor.

Purpose and Goals of the School Community Council

- Jared explains the purpose of the school community council: to build collaboration and communication among parents, employees, and administrators.

- The goal is to ensure parents are involved in setting academic needs and implementing interventions to improve student performance.
- The council must have a two-parent majority, with the principal and other employees serving as members.
- The roles of the chair, vice chair, and other council members are outlined, including their responsibilities and the importance of parent participation.

Council Responsibilities and Meetings

- Micah Smith was voted in as Chair.
- The council's responsibilities include mandatory data review, consulting with the principal and teachers, preparing and implementing the school land trust plan, and advising the school administration.
- The council meets every other month, with specific dates and times to be determined.
- The importance of parent involvement in committees and events, such as Veterans Day and field day, is emphasized.
- The council aims to post meeting notes on the website for transparency and to encourage parent participation.

Discussion on Community Resources and Safety

- Tanya suggests that providing resources to families, similar to what Head Start offers, would be beneficial for the school.
- Micah mentions the importance of community resources and the need for parents to know about them.
- Jessica raises concerns about school safety and the potential for veterans to help with security.
- Jared discusses the school's security measures, including keycard access, security cameras, and emergency kits in classrooms.

Parent Engagement and Future Meetings

- Everyone discussed ways to increase parent engagement, such as having parent representatives from each class.
- The idea of having a parent representative from every class is proposed, with teachers voting for the representative.
- The next meeting is scheduled for October, with a focus on setting goals and involving more parents.
- The importance of providing resources and support to parents is emphasized, with a goal of increasing parent involvement and participation.

Title One Program and School Land Trust

- Jared explains the Title One program, its history, and its purpose in providing equitable education to students.
- The school operates a school-wide Title One program, with funds used for salaries of the school counselor and social worker.
- The school land trust funds are used to target English and language arts, with a goal of increasing student proficiency by 2%.

- The council discusses the use of these funds and the importance of parent involvement in decision-making.
- The council approved of the use of Title one and Land Trust funds.

School Safety and Community Involvement

- Jared discusses the school's efforts to improve safety, including security cameras, keycard access, and emergency kits.
- The importance of community involvement in school safety initiatives is emphasized.
- The council considers the idea of having a school guardian, a full-time individual trained in tactical response, to enhance school security.
- The need for ongoing assessments and improvements in school security is highlighted.

Meeting Conclusion and Next Steps

- Jared thanks everyone for attending and emphasizes the importance of parent involvement in the school community.
- The next meeting is scheduled for October, with a focus on setting goals and involving more parents.
- The importance of providing resources and support to parents is emphasized, with a goal of increasing parent involvement and participation.
- The meeting concludes with a reminder of the upcoming events and the need for parent involvement in supporting these activities.