

# **Beehive Science and Technology Academy**

## **Community Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, Dec 5, 2023**

**7 pm; in person and via Zoom**

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call - meeting called to order at 7:02**  
Attendance: Judy Wald, Megan Judkins, Audrey Clare, Chad Labdon, Kerrie Upenieks, Kim Hamilton, Amber McCarthy, Corylyn Ybarra, Abd,
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from September 2023 - minutes approved at 7:04**
- 4. Old Business**
  - 1. Student Safety Updates**
    - a. How was school safety week?**
      - i. Held in October; Elementary did daily activities and more hands-on activities**
      - ii. Counseling and safety departments did some activities in the Secondary**
    - b. Safety Grant**
      - i. Applied for state grant and received \$79,000 (3-year grant), will use most of it in the first 2 years**
      - ii. A push button so classrooms can be locked from the inside**
      - iii. Additional protection on windows by front desk**
      - iv. 72-hour kits for the classrooms**
      - v. Upgrading the fences and locks on the fences**
      - vi. Walkie-talkies**
      - vii. Training for staff on standard response protocol**
      - viii. Additional signage for the parking lot (stop signs, painting)**
    - c. Classroom management**
      - i. Special education department is working on plans with students who need support**
      - ii. Special ed teacher with specific certification for behavior issues**
      - iii. Working towards deescalation and giving students strategies to recognize when they are escalating**
    - d. General Safety**
      - i. Building is very secure; people have to check into the building using Raptor**
      - ii. After the break, we will be using the automatic lock system**
      - iii. Plan for if something happens - emergency response is through Infinite Campus**

- iv. Try to do a test run of the emergency notification system
- 2. Enrollment
  - a. Started intent to return for current students; so far more than 400 people have responded (out of 750)
  - b. Goal is to reach 900 students next year
  - c. Parents must sign up by Dec 11 to retain their spot for next year
  - d. New enrollment opens up next week, spread the word to your friends!
- 3. School Report Card
  - a. No further updates
- 5. New Business
  - 1. Fall Festival Feedback
    - a. Went well; the outside vendors was really nice
    - b. We don't have outlets on the basketball court, and we need to figure out how to be able to spread people out
    - c. Theme baskets turned out great
    - d. We made over \$5,500
      - i. Spread throughout the clubs who participated, and any leftover goes to STEM fair
    - e. Traffic needed to be improved
    - f. Consider STEM-focused activities
  - 2. International Thanksgiving
    - a. Modified this year to just have people bring in treats for students and then the treats were handed out to students
      - i. Consider what to do about the short time period
      - ii. How to manage dietary restrictions
      - iii. Label what food is halal
      - iv. Parents need more information and instructions on what food they should bring
    - b. The cafeteria company made a Thanksgiving meal for the students
  - 3. Elementary Library
    - a. Two scholastic book fairs; we have books for the library
    - b. We have a library system so we can inventory & check out books; it is up and running for the secondary side
    - c. Need to create a team (parent committee) to look through the books to make sure we are meeting the state standards
    - d. Potentially have the library up and running by April
    - e. Audrey Clare has a grad student who might be able to help with cataloging books and Audrey is willing to help review books
  - 4. STEM Expo
    - a. Hall 3 of the expo center; cheer competition is at the same time again
    - b. Looking for more funding, if parents have any connections or places willing to give grants please reach out
    - c. Mrs. Upenieks is trying to get out into the community
    - d. Megan will write a letter appealing to other parents asking them to work on fundraising
    - e. Audrey has connections with SheTech

**5. Diversity Report**

- a. See email from Mr. Oguz re: Celebrating the Rich Tapestry of Our Community
- b. Diversity school report
- c. We should use this information to help advertise and with our fundraising
- d. International day is April 16th

**6. School calendar for 2024-2025**

- a. Draft calendar will be approved by the board on December 9; reach out to Mr. Oguz if you want to see the calendar before the 9th
- b. Parent feedback: Amber mentioned that it may be harder for families to take a vacation together with a shorter Fall break
- c. We like to have a longer winter break so people can travel internationally to visit family

**6. Parent Concerns**

None

**7. Action Items**

None

**8. Other Discussion**

None

**9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:17**

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