

Horizon Community Council

December 2020 Minutes

Date: 12/15/2020

Time: 7:45am

Location: Zoom

<https://murrayschools-org.zoom.us/j/89560398853>

Attendance:

Parent Members (5 out of 6 present)

- Autumn Begay
- Penny Graven
- Jemma Hamilton
- Liberty Kluse
- Lisa Milkavich- minute taker

Employee Members (3 out of 4 present)

- Whitney Anderson – Principal
- Michelle Smith – Vice Chair
- Karen Peterson- Tile 1 Rep

Other attendees: Tyler Horne- 6th grade math teacher

Absent: Erica Wood (parent) & Vanessa Jobe (employee)

Agenda Items:

(Due to guidelines established by the health department to address the Covid-19 pandemic, today's meeting was held remotely via teleconference.)

1. **Welcome**
2. **Approval of November minutes:** Discussion around the number of committee members in attendance during the November meeting & whether we had a quorum. Michelle Smith moved to accept the November minutes as shared by email. Jemma Hamilton 2nd the motion.
3. **Covid-19:** Happy to report Horizon had less positive cases of Covid-19 after the Thanksgiving break than anticipated. A few staff/teachers are currently out due to exposures. Thus far Horizon has been able to cover absences and appropriately support student learning.
4. **Digital citizenship:**
 - a. Two committee members stated they were *unable to locate the video on digital citizenship* on the district website. Mrs. Anderson stated there is now a video on digital citizenship posted on the Horizon website (4th link down under the Community Council tab).
 - b. Horizon staff will begin the process of creating an *inventory of all applications and programs* they are using. Focus of this process is to determine whether there are apps and/or programs that are popular with teachers but still need to be supported by the district.
5. **Trust land:** Horizon's current trust land plan is on the website. The '21-'22 trust land plan for Horizon is due in March. The Community Council will begin the process of creating the new plan in the January meeting.
6. **PTAs current efforts-**
 - a. Horizon's spelling bee is scheduled for Feb 1st. The details of how the spelling bee will occur and follow social distancing guidelines are still being worked out.
 - b. Science fair- The current set-up of hybrid students, in-person students, and distance learning students has made it excessively difficult for teachers to support students in the science fair this year. In addition, the 5th & 6th grade curriculum does not directly coincide

with the science fair this year. Horizon's staff and PTA are considering conducting the science fair but with much less support from teachers. Members of the committee discussed the pro's and con's of the new format. It was acknowledged that less teacher support would most likely result in fewer students having the opportunity to participate. This is unfortunately. However, the committee stated that some participation is preferred over cancellation of the whole event. The committee seemed to be in favor of proceeding with some form of a science fair within the current restrictions created by the Covid-19 pandemic. With the expectation that the science fair will return to its past level of importance and participation for the '21-'22 school year.

- c. **Fun Run-** The PTA raised enough money from the Fun Run to provide a \$300 grant for each teacher at Horizon. Thus far approximately 10 teachers have applied and received the grant. Committee members discussed the need to publicize this information in all formats available (parent square, notes home in backpacks, PTA newsletter, etc.) Publication of the information would help parents understand where & when to donate, where their donations go, and remind teachers to apply for the PTAs grants.
7. **Horizon's business partner, Realty One-** Realty one has been an amazing business partner. They have done the following: 1) donated 800 headphones (that can easily be cleaned); 2) provided grants for teacher; 3) provided sub to Santa donations for 10 Horizon families!
8. **Sub for Santa-** Realty One provided donation for 10 families at Horizon. Faculty & parents donated items to support 6 additional families. The donations from Realty One will arrive Friday. If any of the 10 families are unable to receive the donations this Friday, Horizon may need assistance getting the donation to the identified families. 5 committee members stated they would be available during the Holiday break to assist in delivering the donations (Liberty, Michelle, Karen, Lisa, Jemma). Mrs. Anderson will contact committee members Friday if their assistance is needed.
9. **Chrome book inventory-** The IT department has a lot of platforms that communicate with the hundreds of chrome books students use at Horizon. They have found that chrome books have "moved around" enough now that they do not know which chrome books to assign which platforms. As a result, they are asking that all 3rd through 6th graders return their chrome books by Friday, December 18th so the IT department can inventory (and perhaps repair?) over the winter break. Again, it is suggested that this information be posted on all forms of communication (ie. Parent square, paper note in backpacks, newsletters, etc.).
10. **Breakfast & lunch-** Currently free to all students, due to food funding grant from State. This seems to be working well for all. Often students with home lunch now see something they like and take a school lunch as well. However, the one item option has made it more difficult for students with food allergies. The cafeteria staff has begun hanging a cute picture of a pig to signal to young students who do not eat pork for religious reasons that today's meal contains pork (note: the majority of meals offered do NOT contain pork).
11. **Parking lot safety concerns in AM were stated.** Due to time constraints, this item was brought to Mrs. Anderson's attention, but discussion will be pushed back to next Month's meeting.
12. **Supporting staff-** The staff was asked what was being done for holiday celebrations (Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's day, etc.) and did they need more support? Due to the Covid pandemic, parents are not coming into the building to assist with parties (parents traditionally provide food and party supplies). Teachers are providing students with holiday themed activities through out the day. They are using supplies they have stockpiled over the years and grants to provide students with these activities.
13. **Meeting reminders-** The unofficial community council secretary will attempt to send out reminders of each months community council meeting to members the Monday before the meeting.
14. **Link to electronic meetings-** The link to each meeting will be sent via email in the meeting agenda (from Mrs. Anderson).

Questions/comments items for next meeting, January 12th.

- a. Parking lot concerns
- b. Update Horizon website with business partner activity
- c. Trust land- begin developing new plan for next school year