

Pease Elementary School

Campus Advisory Council

October 25,2016

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM

Members Present:

Cynthia Jackson, Principal

Courtney Pittman (Classified Rep)

Cassidy Grotte (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher)

Bradford Hardie, Assistant Principal

Anitra Abdullah-Levy (Parent)

Tommie Graham (1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher)

Sherisse Reyes (Parent)

Wendy Richardson (Parent)

Elena Bizer (Parent)

Guests: Buff Strickland and Stephanie Clayton

Kris Garana

## Appreciations:

-none

## Citizen Communication:

### *Guests Buff Strickland and Stephanie Clayton:*

- Buff Strickland in charge of South
- Stephanie Clayton heading rock garden and gathering area by gym
- “Green Classroom ”- PAWS and all outdoor learning
  - Inspired by green classroom at Becker—classroom parent leaders
  - Adapting their plan and making it feasible for our space and time
  - Need to create consistent schedule and routine
- Looking at pulling together steering committee—parents and staff
- Outdoor class could be done by spring – need steady volunteers and plans
  - General timeline by spring break—some components in effect
  - Getting teachers and students using the garden before then
- Sustainable food rep coming on Friday to give a rundown on garden
- Bees
  - Currently not a feasible plan
  - Looking for other avenues and organizations
  - Would need people to manage it
  - Hardie will be in touch on bees
- Green Classroom updates happening at future CAC meetings

Kris Garana:

- Concerned with teachers using 30 minutes free unstructured recess as punishment
- Kudos to Mr. Valentine
- Need to provide them with equipment
  
- Playground Afterschool
  - PEP Teachers
    - Problem resolved
    - Aren't responsible for all the children
  - Parents
    - Clear communication
    - What are the rules for parents staying on or not?
  - PEP Parents
    - Paying for program
  - District Policy that campus facilities are reserved until 6PM for afterschool
  - Issue comes when there is not active supervision
  - Compromise
    - Not wanting to be strict but issue is safety
    - Settled itself out
  - Feedback from PEP parents
    - Could see some issues from PEP teacher point of view
    - As long as parents are actively supervising
    - Ensuring staff is able and aware
  - PEP Kindergarten staff has been filled.

- Could we solve this in a preventative way where it feels communicative
  - PEP teacher input
  - How could parents help them out on the playground?
  - Happy medium

Minutes from Last Meeting (September 2016): Approved

Principal's Report:

- Facilities Master Plan
  - Kris Garana went to a neighborhood meeting
    - doesn't feel the same concerns as in 2011
    - survey online is a little dense and hard to understand
    - can still improve but need to be a little more creative on how to handle challenges
  - They have agreed to redo the educational suitability interviews due to new principals at multiple campuses
  - Concern over comparison between large schools and unique Pease
    - There are trade offs, concern that they are looking deficit based versus strengths based
  - They are preparing for the future
  - Will our low rating help our school with more bond money?
    - It could be a benefit—historical landmark
    - In a combination with our scores
  - Any inaccuracies to up our score need to be addressed
- Recommended Minutes
  - Covered in recess discussion

- 75,600 minutes of instruction include recess and transitions
- Playground Recess
  - 30 minutes required unstructured recess starting in January
    - Pease already started in most classes
    - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade, a little more complicated with Shakespeare

Agenda items for November 29 meeting:

- Green Classroom Update
- Proposed Plan of Action for Afterschool Playground
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM