

Golden Fields Elementary
School Community Council Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2024

Location: Conference Room at Golden Fields

Meeting Time: 4:00 – 5:00pm

Meeting attendees: Chris Larsen, Dan Carlson, Ann Lobos, Nick Hansen, Brooke Franks, Cristie Carter-Banks, Sommer Young, and Holli Wilson.

Meeting start time: 4:03pm.

Agenda items:

- 1. Approve Minutes.** Holli motioned to approve the minutes. Ann seconded the motion. All attendees raised their hand to indicate approval. Minutes approved.

- 2. Safety Concerns?** Nick said this is the time of year where they meet with officials with city and district to discuss traffic and safe walking routes, so he asked the group for any feedback they had to share. No one shared any new concerns. Most agreed that many people need to pay closer attention to traffic (pedestrian and vehicular during drop off and pick up times, but no specific issues were raised.

- 3. Review Acadience Test Results.** Acadience scores are not yet available. Testing was just taking place over the past week, so data isn't complete. Nick indicated that from what they've seen so far, the scores are looking good and showing improvement. As far as Rise testing, our scores in the language arts area have improved, but, we'd like to see more improvement. Some grade levels are using district created benchmark testing, some grades are using Rise benchmark tests. The teachers are administering these tests 3 times a year in language arts, and then at the end of each unit in math. Then those scores should align with the end of year

Rise tests. In looking at prior years, the scores from 21/22 to 22/23 improved 10% in language arts, math improved by 2.5%. Our score in Language Arts was 56.9%, Math was 55.5% and Science was 54.4%. As a district, our reading instruction program is changing and teachers will be getting trained and utilizing the literary resource called Wit and Wisdom. Next year, our 6th grade math curriculum will be changing to Imagine Math. For K-5, the district will be looking at a different math curriculum also. Discussed whether our current goals of 71.5 – 73.5% Acadience scores and the two percentage point improvement in Math Rise scores are reasonable or whether they should be adjusted. Dan suggested that we use the wording of growth of 2% improvement in both areas of Language Arts and Math, rather than specifying the Acadience scores. Discussed whether science should be an area of focus, since those RISE scores are lower. Discussed doing more of a deep dive into testing data – looking at information on a student to student basis to see whether the students receiving interventions, such as Walk to Read are showing improvements, to make sure our focus is working. Chris suggested getting feedback from teachers regarding their science needs to evaluate where our Land Trust Funds could be utilized to help facilitate improvement in our Science scores. Once we get some feedback from the staff, we can determine action steps to help with Science. For a data review, Nick will reach out to our district data specialist to see what they can provide and then a meeting can be set to dig into the data. Dan will send out a poll to the council to set up a meeting date so interested members can meet to review testing data.

4. **Next Meeting.** Next council meeting is March 13th. We will finalize our Land Trust Plan at that time.
5. **Adjournment.** Holli motioned to end the meeting. Dan seconded the motion. Meeting end time 5:25 pm.