

Horace Mann Elementary  
Community Council Minutes  
November 28, 2017

Attendance: Jileen Xochimitl, Jennifer Ewing, Sarah Burdash, Amy Summer (in charge as Desirae was not available)

1. Approve minutes from last meeting (Desirae)  
All were in favored of October meeting minutes
  
2. Report on Summer Soar (Jileen)

**Summer Soar was advertised as planned. The program ran as planned. 113 students from Horace Mann attended Summer Soar at some point in the summer, while 66 students attended regularly. Of those that attended 90 percent improved their reading and 85 percent passed off their math facts.**

3. 90 Day Plan Update and Discussion on Next 90 Day Plan (Jileen)  
District Big Goal-Graduation and Literacy-Students needs to be engaged
  - Concerned because Horace Mann Reading dropped quite a bit from 3 years ago. It went from 80% down to 60% this year.

When met last spring on the 90 day plan-concerned about the new charter school going in the neighborhood-needed to implement certain things to keep parents and students in our school

- Project Based Learning (PBL)
  - certain grade level have done projects already
    - 3rd-Solar Systems
    - 4th-Windsocks
    - 5th-working on circuits
  
- Facelift of the school
  - New carpet

- Paint throughout the school
- New water fountains
- Implement Leader in Me program
  - Students are learning certain each month

The next 90 day plan will be pushing hard on literacy to bring our numbers back up. Ideas include the following

- District will be providing training for K-2 teachers on literacy
- Need to bring in more volunteers to help with reading

\*Per Sarah (parent's perspective) as to why some kids do not like to read the take home library.

- The kids do not like the genre of the books
- They are boring
  - Is there a way the kids could choose their own books on their level?
  - Do we need to bring in more books that the students are wanting to read? (interest, sports, hobbies etc.)

#### 4. Discussion about Internet Safety

- Still want to do a family dinner to bring in families
  - Moving the event to the month of February as there usually is not much going on in regards to holidays or major events.
  - This is consider a Parent Night which will qualify for using money from Title 1
  - Dinner ideas-Bella's, Javier's, Ogden Pizzeria
  - Get a hold of Shanda Richey to see who was brought in last year
  - Amy might have a connection with someone to come in and do the presentation

- Brochures to be done for those families who did not attend the event
- Raffle ideas
  - Need several big ticket items to be donated for raffle (this should bring in families)
  - Think of smaller raffle ticket items

Next Meeting: January 23rd (this is the 4th Tuesday) at 5 pm.