

Lilja School Council

Meeting: December 14, 2017

Present:

Anne Carothers
Kristy Fredericks
Sepi Golestani
Elise Gorseth
Eric Hochberg
Tim O'Hara
Sheetal Parikh
Heather Starkel
Steven Untersee

Minutes

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from 10/30/17 were reviewed and approved.

Profile of a Graduate:

- Elementary Principals will be meeting tomorrow

Budget Updates:

- 2 items slated to move forward: maintenance supplies, a 1st grade teacher with furniture, a special education classroom with furniture
- Big takeaways: The budget this year is smaller than anticipated
- Lost: overhead projectors
- Currently still standing, although not guaranteed: replacement technology
- Slashed: Literacy curriculum supports

Playground Update:

- Ms. Carothers visited every third- and fourth-grade classroom with a presentation on the playground (also shared with School Committee)
- Ms. Carothers will follow-up to get a sense / consensus from each class and move forward; hoping to set the contract before December break
- Installation will be first thing in the Spring
- Bricks from the PTO fundraiser will be placed in the amphitheater (when you are sitting on the railroad ties, your feet are on the bricks)
- Rolling out a cart for recess with a checklist for materials retention; there will be additional footballs, soccer balls, jump ropes

School Improvement Plan: Project Based Learning

- [Buck Institute](#)
- Multicultural Assembly will focus on China

- There have been four staff meetings devoted to grade-level teams to develop PBL units
- Most grades (K-3) attended an all-day NELS session on how to develop PBL units
 - K: Force and Motion Games
 - 1: Science ties to Folk Literature
 - 3: Ties to Social Studies
 - 4: Natural Disasters

Setting Next Agenda

- Tentative items:
 - Budget
 - Playground
 - Profile of a Graduate
- Homework