

Ashland Elementary Principal Advisory Council

Agenda – January 13, 2025

Principal: Anna Houseworth

Assistant Principal: Shana Robinson

Administrative Intern: Matt Nichol

Chairperson: Libby Rigney

- **Welcome: Introductions/Membership**

Staff Representatives:

Vice Chairperson: Shannon Ward

Secretary: Katie Dupuis

Libby Rigney, Encore/Resource

Susan Simmons, Special Education

Lauren Kadlick, 1st Grade Teacher (1)

Brooke Freeman, 3rd Grade Teacher (3)

Melissa Peppy, 4th Grade Teacher (4-5)

Evelyn Ayala, Parent Liaison (Classified)

Parents:

Susana Steudle, Winding Creek

Jennifer Young, Ashland

Hermon Raju, Southlake

Cyd Eisner, Spriggs Road East

Susan Steudle, Supt's Advisory Council

PTO Representative: Alyssa Lester

Maya Badiat, Parent

Mrs. LeGrand, Parent

- **Open Chair** (10 minutes)

- **Approval of Minutes** (2 minutes)

- Review minutes from last meeting
- Edit sentence about Joe Brzycki

- **Principal's Time** (10 minutes)

- Agenda setting for next meeting on February 10
 - Reading and math growth data to be shared
 - Mrs. Badiat suggested Sip and Learn topic of Online Safety
 - Mrs. Houseworth suggested also presenting at the next advisory
- Principal Updates
 - 3rd Annual Purple Star Designation was awarded for our school's support of military connected families. The award is given every 3 years.
 - Ashland has been asked to coach other schools to apply for the Purple Star Nomination
 - Shared Purple Star video that is coming out from the county which features our Ashland teachers and students

- **Assistant Principal's Time** (5-10 minutes)

- Strategy Share-Out: Zones of Regulation
 - The program is used with our special education population but is beneficial for all students
 - It is a taught set of strategies for students to learn how to identify their emotions and suggestions for regulation

- May be a strategy that families would want to take home
 - One parent shared a positive personal experience of using the language of this program at home
 - Another parent shared using this at home and taking the time to learn the program with her child specifically identifying feelings
 - A teacher shared that this program is part of their day (not just in the elevated moments) in the Special Education classroom, focusing on the vocabulary, and finding what works each student to teach them how to self-regulate
- **Administrative Intern's Time (5-10 Minutes)**
 - Continuous Improvement Plan: Science Goals
 - Increase Pass Advanced scores
 - Increase Mastery on unit tests
 - Using the 5E model in science instruction
 - Engage – How we capture and connect students to the topic (ex. Looking at images and allowing students to see, think, wonder)
 - Explore- Hands on investigations (ex. 5th grade three day erosion investigation)
 - Explain – discussions and instructions of lesson
 - Elaborate – applying the knowledge
 - Evaluate – assess learning in formal and informal ways
 - CER- Claim – Evidence – Reasoning, promoting inquiry-based instruction
 - A teacher shared that the county has provided Mystery Science lessons to engage the students and increase student talk
 - A teacher shared that students love to share their connections and their background knowledge
 - A teacher also shared that 4th graders are enjoying Mystery Science Lessons as well
 - Mystery Science videos incorporate an accountability piece where students may collect data/observations during the video
 - A teacher shared using Gizmos, an application that provides science-related simulations for students to engage in with matching writing activities
 - A teacher shared that 3rd grade lessons also follow the 5E model
- **Superintendent's Advisory Council (< 5 Minutes)**
 - Last Meeting was December 12th
 - Reviewed updated SOL's, PALS to VALLSS, graduation requirements
 - Next meeting's topic will be the county budget
 - Need a parent volunteer for the next meeting in February
 - Mrs. Young offered to attend
- **Update on PTO Events**
 - Holiday Photo Event: 40 family photos were taken

- Holiday Store: Made more than last year, around \$11,000 of which the PTO will get 25%
 - Elf Bucks: The counselors were able to give the money out to some of our students
 - Feedback is positive for the items, quality, and the amount of volunteers in the store
- Upcoming:
 - Zava Zone January 24th
 - Cookie Grams and Rice treats January 27th-February 14th
 - Skate Night February 22nd
 - All American Fundraiser
 - Bingo Night for the Spring with Chic-Fil-a preorders
 - PTO Meeting April 7th – elections for 25/26 school year
- **New Business (< 5 Minutes)**
 - Community at Large position update – this position is now open and will be posted in the school newsletter