

# Ashland Elementary Principal Advisory Council

## ***Minutes – November 18, 2024***

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher (1)

Brooke Freeman, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Sarah Bearden, Community At-Large

Susan Steudle, Supt's Advisory Council

PTO Representative: Alyssa Lester

La'Chele LeGrand: Parent

Maya Badiant: Parent

- **Open Chair (10 minutes)**

- No open chair

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

- Approval of minutes from November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Chick-Fil-A needs to be spelled correctly for September 16<sup>th</sup> minutes
- Minutes for September 16<sup>th</sup> were approved

- **Principal's Time (20 minutes)**

- Council report and Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Reflection form help with the budget for technology. Last year Ashland budgeted \$40,000 for applications like brainpop, dreambox, etc. Only spent \$21,000 .
- We want to continue with ST math, it cost \$12,000 but with a grant it is \$8,500. Military Grant money paid the \$8,000, so it will not come out of our budget.
- Joe Brzycki will be put on a presentation about ST math.
- Zearn is paid for from the county. A math program that is a little more traditional set-up. We might talk about this another time. Zearn is more geared for tiered 2 and tiered 3 students. All in tutors are using Zearn.
- Libby showed everyone how to access ST math. Teachers and parents used the Ipads to play the demo games.
  - Everyone has access to it with the iPad's
  - Visual impaired could have challenges, does it have this feature?
  - Could be frustrating for kids, with no directions, because you have to keep doing it until you get it

- Very much like a video game, no directions, just click and experiment to figure out what to do. Giving the permission to get it wrong, since you might have to try and figure out the puzzle a few times
  - Could be very beneficial to the EL students
- Teachers can set-up ST math for students and align to what skills they need.
- Next year, would we want to continue to this program? The team would like to keep ST math next year if available
- Staff development on Zearn. Could we replace IXL with Zearn for next year?
- **Assistant Principal's Time (n/a)**
- **Administrative Intern's Time (5 Minutes)**
  - Continuous Improvement Plan: Science Goals
  - Moved to the next meeting-10 minutes learning about the 5 E's
- **Superintendent's Advisory Council (< 5 Minutes)**
  - Recap of the latest Superintendent's meeting
  - 2 meetings October 10<sup>th</sup> and November 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Introducing representatives, getting to know everyone
  - Highlighted school status, VA literacy notes, attendance
  - Meet again in December at Colgan
- **Update on PTO Events (5-10 Minutes)**
  - Bingo night was very successful
  - Much more organized this year
  - Ran smoothly with the preorders from chick-fil-a
  - Another bingo night in March
  - Fall festival before that, went well, good turnout, really good vendors
  - Chili cook-off will be on Friday, November 22
  - December 7<sup>th</sup> Holiday store will start. Flier will be coming home. Students will be given the opportunity to create a wish list.
- **New Business (n/a)**