

## **Cedar Elementary School**

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### **Cedar – School Council Meeting Minutes**

November 30, 2022 – 3:15 - 4:15

All School Council meetings will be held in person in the conference room

### **School Council Members**

Jesse Craddock, Principal

Kathy Caulfield, First-Grade Classroom Teacher, Year 1/2

Michelle Cavallaro, Parent/Guardian Representative, Year 2/2

Ashely DeVincenzo, Parent/Guardian Representative, Year 2/2

Rhonda Nyman, School Community Representative, Year 1/2

### **Agenda**

- Public Comment
  - No comment
- Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2022 Meeting
  - Jesse reviewed previous minutes; minutes approved by School Council.
- Cedar Update (Mr. Craddock)
  - Pumpkin Stroll was a tremendous success. Approximately 175 pumpkins were decorated and brought to the Cedar complex to view.
  - We will continue to align the event with the teacher conferences.
  - The sensory integration hour will be a practice that we will continue next year.
- Share: Finalized School Improvement Plan
  - Review the finalized plan
  - Align the plan with the district's goals, while developing meaningful action steps that are relevant to our students and staff.
  - Tracking the progress of the goals and action steps formulated.
  - Cedar has prioritized the implementation of the new Wonders Literacy Program. The initial action step under the first goal of teaching and learning emphasizes the new comprehensive literacy program, a program which encourages our Kindergarten and First-Grade students to be independent lifelong learners and critical thinkers in the areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening.
  - The next action item listed under the first goal includes ongoing professional learning and support with the Wonders program. During weekly professional learning community meetings, reading specialists and teachers have centered their

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discussion around assessment, lesson pacing, and the use of appropriate tools. A large emphasis with professional development has been focused on this program.

- Staff have had the opportunity to explore the curriculum and relevant digital and print based materials that coincide with the program.
  - Staff have acquired a great deal of new knowledge through interactive modules and classroom instructional videos. Staff also have utilized this time to review the variety of text selections, and collaborate with each other around best instructional practices.
  - During professional learning community meetings, staff have also worked closely with reading specialists to ensure that they are implementing the core components of the Wonders program in daily lessons. Student performance data is reviewed during this time to inform instructional decision making including grouping of students for differentiated instruction.
- Other Matters
    - Discussion around upcoming PTA sponsored events, including Thanksgiving Raffle, Blizzard of Kindness, and Cedar Express.

The next meeting is January 4, 2023

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