

## School Council Meeting

April 12, 2023

### **Members Present**

William Wilson, Janet Mize, Janine Elhmiller, Emily Lamar, LaPorche Cannon

\*Meeting began at 4:19 pm.

**MAPS Data-** Mr. Wilson shared Russell's current MAPS results for Math. Mr. Wilson explained how to read the MAPS report to the parents. Every grade 1-5 exceeded their projected growth. Reading- Every grade 1-5 exceeded their projected growth. Grade 4 has more students reading on grade level so didn't show quite as much growth as the other grades. ELA- Grades 3-5 exceeded their projected growth. ELA is not assessed grades K-2. Mr. Wilson is excited about the growth results that Russell Elementary demonstrated this year. He commended the teachers for working hard.

Mr. Wilson gave each parent a report for their personal child to review. Mr. Wilson discussed individual results with the parent council members.

**Decodable Readers:** Mr. Wilson is planning to purchase decodable readers to help students learn to read. He is currently searching through various vendors to purchase the best suited books for Russell students grades K-2

### **Major Activities:**

Book Fair May 8-12 It will be a buy one, get one book fair where the school will not make any money. The hope is students will purchase books for summer reading.

Coach Randall discussed field day for May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. May 17<sup>th</sup> is split with PreK and K in the morning and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades in the afternoon. May 18 is an all-day field day for grades 3-5. There are several events for each grade. Field day practice is underway during PE. The students sign up for events after practicing. Each student will not participate in all the events. All students will participate in at least 2 events.

Mr. Wilson discussed large tents being put up to help beat the heat on field day.

There will be food trucks available each day. There will also be a Russell concession stand available with hot dogs and chips.

May 19 will be the Milestones celebration and the event will cost approximately \$5000. There will be inflatables, a couple of gaming trucks, and treats available. The students must work hard and try their best in order to attend.

Awards day for grades 3-5 will be coming soon. It will be held in the evening for parents and students. Grades K-2 will have awards day during the day. Parents will be notified and will be able to attend.

Mr. Wilson gave the council the milestones testing schedule. To prepare the students, they need plenty of rest and to be hydrated. Students need to be in attendance, so they do not have to take it during a make-up day. They will not perform as well outside of the provided testing environment.

Russell will be receiving an upgrade to the building, and it will be a complete overhaul. It is not this coming summer but may happen in the summer of 2024.

### **Concerns for the Council-**

Ms. Cannon asked when is teacher appreciation? Teacher appreciation will be May 8-12 for Russell. Mr. Wilson says it is staff appreciation where Russell recognizes everyone employed.

Mrs. Elhmiller asked if Russell had received the list for PreK students that will attend for the next school year. Mr. Wilson stated he has not received it yet but that parents should be receiving letters soon so parents can plan for the next year.

\*Meeting adjourned 5:30 pm.

### **Future Meeting Dates-**

May 11, 2023