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Palm Elementary - December Minutes

Meeting begins 4:09 PM

Introductions:

Rhoda Coleman	Principal
TA Vasquez	Co-Chair Grandchild - Student
Judy Garcia	Parent - Student
Megan Kelley	Co-Chair
Cynthia Vasquez	Parent - Student

Approval of Minutes

- Discussed the student code of conduct
 - Add a news blurb about the Ombuds Office
- Campus Improvement Plan Overview
 - Who is it submitted to?
 - Executive Director - Patricia DeLuna
 - Jacob Reach's office?
- Classes for Human Sexuality and Responsibility started this week
- Palm Calendar

Staffing

- Still an opening in the front office position
- Hiring Process
 - Recommendation to HR
 - Background Check and other checks
 - Could be a 2 week process
- Special Education teacher may not be returning next semester
 - Seeking long term sub
 - Reaching out to retired teachers
- Exit Surveys?
 - Conducted by HR
- Restructuring Special Education units such as adding a SCORES unit to Palm
- Two RFEs have been submitted for Parent Support Specialist
 - 1 has declined
 - 1 still waiting

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- Parent Support Specialist developed to help explore volunteer capacity, to connect with parents and bring support into the school; originally for Title 1 schools
 - Hopefully someone from the local community
 - Reach out to local HOA, gardening clubs, wilderness explore clubs, others run by local parents with time?
 - Possibly “home grow” someone into the position
 - Someone who makes everyone feel welcome, handle conflict resolution
 - Sees parents as partners
 - Be open as this is an entry level position
- Positions are listed as a pool on the Career website

Assessments

- BRING A SAMPLE OF THE STAAR TEST
- TFAR Benchmarks for Math and Reading conducted in end November and early December
- Current 5th grade students were in Kinder when schools went remote
- Do we have stories from parents about how they support/need support for teaching children to read?
 - Parents as Partners (2015-2018 program/grant at Padron)
 - <https://www.austinisd.org/survey-research/surveys/2018-2019/families-partners-parent-champion-initiative>

Dress Up Days

- Something fun
- Holiday parties will be Thursday, December 19
- Holiday Primary program on Tuesday, December 17

Reading Challenge

- Read 2,000 hours by February 10th
- Schlitterbahn Challenge
 - Help connect students to audiobooks via Learning Ally

Brighter Bites

- Very Successful initiative
- Lots of community building through the volunteers

Dress Code

- Open-toed shoes vs. closed-toe shoes
- Uniforms?

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- Clothes closet for uniforms
- Purpose of uniforms?
- What is the benefits of uniforms? What do schools that have them say and can show academically?

Meeting Adjourned – Time at 5:06 PM