

BREMEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL

August 11, 2020 at 2:45pm in Library

Members Present

Bro Bill Bursztynski- Community
Karia Edwards- Parent
Emily Lee- Parent
Vi Wood- Community

Others Present:

Lori Stover- Asst. Principal

Cindy Darr-Community
Amber Tuttle-Parent
Ashley Romans-FRC Coordinator

Approval of Minutes:

Ashley Romans, FRC called the meeting to order. The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve minutes was made by Bro. Bill and second by Vi Wood.

Old Business:

Ashley reported on past activities and events including:

Ashley discussed the new Continuation Program Plan 20-22. The council reviewed the action components and program plan. Vi Wood made a motion to approve the CPP and Advisory Council Assurances second by Bro. Bill.

Ready! for Kindergarten's final session for this year will be held 2/25.

Ashley will be attending new Coordinator standards and indicators training March 10-11th in Lexington.

Ashley also updated the council on how FRC has been running during the COVID-19 Pandemic. FRC has made 41 Home visits delivering donated materials/Food. FRC has also been able to provide 15 families and counting food boxes. Thanks to individuals who have donated food and money we have been able to keep our Food Pantry Stocked. FRC also had a school supply table set up at each parent packet pick up. FRC was able to provide several families needed school supplies. FRC has also created a August Fun Calendar to keep our families engaged and encourage family involvement.

New Business:

Ashley reported FRC has been actively planning and researching new ways to reach our families where they are. FRC has several ideas for the upcoming school year for FFN as well as programs we can do with the students virtually. Mr. Sharp and FRC have discussed with the leadership team that instead of in person FFN's we will be doing sign up & send home activities with families. Some of the ideas we have are a Virtual Family Paint Night, Virtual Wellness Month through our School Facebook Page, February we would like to see about getting every child a new book for I love to read month, and we would also like to do a Virtual Family STEM/STEAM Night in the spring. I have created a Bitmoji digital office for parents and students to be able to communicate with me through their virtual learning platform One thing I will be doing throughout the year will be virtual Lunch Bunch Meetings on Google Meet with 1 grade level at a time.

Budget:

Council reviewed FRC MUNIS YTD Budget, FRC Local #45 Account Report, Family Fun Night #74 Account Report, and FRC/FM Community Grant #85 Account Report. Ashley informed the council that the MUNIS report was not accurate due to the BOE not inputting this years budget yet. Also Ashley informed the council that the FM Foundation did not approve our Family Fun Night Grant this year. However the Felix Martin Foundation did increase our Community Grant. Bro. Bill made a motion to accept the budget/reports as reported and second by Cindy Darr.

Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support:

Ashley gave a brief explanation of what the standards are and how the FRC uses the Standards. Ashley also discussed how we will be completing as a council a self-evaluation of our center and how what we do links to the standards in the next several Council Meetings.

Thoughts or suggestions/ Adjourn: Cindy Darr with the Bremen Water office announced that the Water Office has partnered with White Cloud to offer their parking lot for students to use to complete their assignments for virtual learning. Ashley ask Bro. Bill if he would be willing to contact the Baptist Association and Ministerial Association to see if the local churches would be willing to open their parking lots for WIFI use for students to complete their virtual assignments. Our Next advisory council meeting will be October 13th in the library at 2:45pm. Bro. Bill made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Vi Wood.