

September 27, 2023
Bloomingdale Elementary School
School Council Meeting

Attendees- Benjamin Lam, Andrea Hagans, Amanda Arkwood, Leigh Fisher, Hannah King, Valerija Toscano, Maria Gonzales

Purpose-This was the first school council meeting for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Reports-

School council discussed the carpool line for New Hampstead K-8 and Bloomingdale Elementary. The schools made recent changes during dismissal that has improved rate in which car duty is over. The schools have decided to issue numbers to students that matches the cones outside to get in the cars quicker.

There are no construction updates for the new BES. The demolition ceremony took place in August.

School Improvement Plan update- The students have completed the Beginning of the Year (BOY) iReady diagnostic. iReady scores have increased from the previous year in both reading and math; however, iReady does not fully align with the new math standards. The district is pulling iReady lessons that are aligned to be used as a supplemental resource.

Bloomingdale is making progress with the new STEAM initiative. Teachers received STEAM training to gather an idea of what their grade level driving question will be. The staff came up with great ideas for their yearlong project towards the school's focus, which is energy.

Questions-

Parent raised concern about her children not receiving enough active time on days with extreme weather/temperatures causing classrooms to have indoor recess instead of outdoor recess. Mr. Lam assured her that indoor recess still allows for them to get a thirty-minute break from instructional time.

Announcements-

Bloomingdale Elementary School PTA is working to have the Trunk or Treat event moved from the Bloomingdale Community Center to the Bloomingdale City Recreation Department. Trunk or Treat is currently set for 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Next School Council Meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.