**Samuel Morgan Elementary Community Council Minutes**

**November 20, 2019**

Attending: Alisha Johnson, Janie Stubbs, Susan Perrin, Christy Higley, Talia Valdez, JoAnn Squires

Reviewed minutes from prior meeting. Motion to approve Christy, 2nd Talia

**Internet safety and digital responsibilities**: Computer Teacher will continue instructing about digital safety and the teachers will use netsafeut.org in classrooms by December 1 and will reply to a form survey about the use of the materials in the classroom.

**Structured recess**: This is different, from Playworks but is part of the playground structure to help kids to learn how to play appropriately.

A group of concerned parents came to CC to talk about Playworks with concerns and many had positive comments about the direction Morgan is heading.

**Playworks**: It has only been happening for one week and during that time each day it was tweeked according to student needs.

It cost $10,000.00 and is called Recess Reboot. Questions were asked about where the money came from for the program and what it all entails.

It is funded through money that Mrs. Johnson allocates from TSSA Funds, which is a new fund this year from the Legislature for student improvement.

The need was established by the group that there is a need for student improvement on the playground for everyone’s safety.

Can we rethink it meaning Playworks, was a question. By the end of the meeting, the majority understood it had only been used for 1 week and we need more time to see if it is giving us the results we are seeking.

What is Playworks? It is not just about rules it is also about safety. The goals are inclusion, safety and collaboration. The layout of the playground is for safety not for confinement or stifling play.

Parent volunteers were discussed and decided that would be an asset.

**Hope Squad:** Questions were asked about how it is going. They are Jr Coaches and are identified by badges and shirts. They help with misunderstandings of games and promote positive interactions while playing. They are team builders. They help with the game of the week. They get their recess and help at another one. Suggestions were that more kids were able to be coaches.

Possible Future Items for Upcoming Agenda:

Reporting on internet safety presentations in classrooms

The next meeting: January 8, 2020 @ 4pm