

# El Paso Gridley Unit #11

## Citizens Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

### February 10, 2015

**In Attendance:** Beth Hartness, Erin Probst, Val Smith, Ed Faulk, Alex Brucker, Kent Zielsdorf, Karen Brunner, Jermiah Schlipf, Eric Zehr, Nick Roberts, Maddie Ruestman, Shelly Forrest, Mike Lindy, Kelly Throneburg, Robby Tomlinson, Brian Quam, Tim Fairchild, and Nicole Rummel.

**Absent:** Kelly Eastman, Paula Puck.

**Meeting:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Superintendent Michael Lindy.

A motion was made by Jermiah Schlipf and seconded by Shelly Forrest to approve the minutes from November 18, 2014. The motion carried.

There was no old business.

Lauren Ganther and Mary Engelhorn presented information on Young Rembrandts. Young Rembrandts is a weekly afterschool drawing class for elementary students. This is the third year the program has been offered at Jefferson Park School, Gridley Grade School, and Centennial School. With a cost of \$36 for a four-week course, the program provides affordable art instruction to students. (*There are scholarships available through Young Rembrandts.*) The program has expanded this year from four to five sessions and is looking into the possibility of offering summer sessions.

Mr. Lindy provided an update on the performance contracting process. An RFP (*Request for Proposal*) was issued earlier this year and the district received one response. In return, the Board made a few adjustments to the RFP. It now appears that we'll have three responses coming through in the next couple of weeks. A special Board meeting will be held in early March to approve a performance contractor.

Mr. Lindy provided an update on PARCC and the district's readiness. The assessment will be administered online and will cover the ELA (*English Language Arts*) and math standards. Students in grades 3-8 and students enrolled in English III and/or Algebra II will participate. The district has run trials and provided students opportunities to practice in the online format. Mr. Lindy will provide more information on PARCC in his monthly newspaper article.

Mr. Lindy reviewed the *EPG Vision and Goals: Four Pillars Plan for Implementation*. The vision and goals were established last year at a retreat with the Board and administrators. Over the summer, it was fine-tuned and will continue to be a working document. The four core areas are: Students and Instruction, Finances, Facilities, and Community Engagement. Each of these areas and their action plans will be reviewed on a regular basis.

Mrs. Forrest requested the district look into a parent event or an online resource that explains the Common Core Standards, adopted in Illinois as the New Illinois Learning Standards, and its value. It was also suggested that the district look into posting homework resources to equip parents with the tools to help students at home.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.