

MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

6:30pm MCE Library

In Attendance:

Principal Dave Whiting, Teacher-Members Tina Miles, Anissa Bird, Andrea Winn. Parent-Members Council Chair Jed Crowton, Keri Anderton, Samantha Andrus-Henry, Melinda Birch, and Emily Maughan. Other attendee Harmony Crowton.

Sorry I was late! I began taking minutes at 6:40pm.

Dr. Whiting explained the three tiers of current LAND trust funding...
PLC/Specials, RTI, Americorp Read Today.

We explored SAGE test results at schools.utah.gov. We are encouraged to explore more on our own. We looked at comparisons of Middle Canyon to 20 other demographically similar schools in the state. Then we looked at how we compared to schools in the district. We looked at Proficiency scores and Growth scores. Growth scores are complicated because this is the first year of SAGE test results. To give schools their "grade," they will now weight 70% with proficiency and 30% with growth.

In confirming how we want to allocate money for the upcoming year, Harmony suggested we ask the teachers for their opinions/wants/suggestions.

Miss Bird: Feels that the lower grades may need to tweak how they are doing their PLC's, but suggests we stay the course on how we're funding the school.

Miss Winn: Sees great reading improvement and loves the Americorp program. Suggests, also, that we stay the course.

Mrs. Miles: Sees improvement in her students typing abilities since implementing more computer time with PLC/Specials. Yes, stay the course 😊

Dr. Whiting lets us know that the art teacher is in constant need of more supplies. \$1000 has already been spent this year (not from LAND trust funds) on extra supplies. We talk about a desire to display art around the school, but decide that it's not a great idea to buy/install permanent fixtures that may go unused in the future.

Jed makes a motion to give \$1000 of the \$2700 current year surplus to reimburse money already spent on art supplies. Keri seconds the motion and it passes with unanimous affirmation.

We would like to allocate money for art supplies in our final plan for next year.

Dr. Whiting led a short discussion about controlling parent access to teachers during school hours. All in attendance were in favor of ideas including notes home, posted signs, and closing the main hallway doors until 8:45am. Parents are welcome to volunteer anytime, but speaking at length, one on one with the teacher should require an appointment so that our teachers aren't taken away from their classrooms during school hours.

If we find that we have extra funds for next year, we discussed ways to get teacher input. We will cross that bridge when we get there, but Melinda volunteered to send out an email to all teachers asking for their input on how they would like to see the funds allocated.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18th @ 6:30pm

Dr. Whiting motioned to end the meeting. Jed seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:20.