

Highland Elementary School  
**Minutes of the School Community Council Meeting**  
Held Thursday, February 9, 2012

**Present:** Reed Hodson, Donna Bond, AnnMarie Doman, Brittney Bills, Kristen Lee, Jaime Ward, Rachel Hoffman, and Ileana Brailsford

**Call to Order:** Mr. Hodson called the meeting to order at 3:43 pm

**Public Comment:** none

**Minutes:** Approved by Kristen Lee and seconded by AnnMarie Doman

**Highland Math Committee:** Mr. Hodson

Alpine School District will be adopting a new math program for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2012-13 school year to better match the new core standards. The district will decide on three programs and then leave the individual decision up to each school. The committee to decide this for our school will consist of the SCC, the PTA Executive Board, and a few teachers. There is the possibility that elementary and middle schools will be on different programs, so we want to take into consideration what Mountain Ridge and Timberline are choosing before we make our final decision. Mr. Hodson will get some training on this on March 1<sup>st</sup>, then he'll pass the information on. We must submit our decision to the district by April 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost of new books, material etc. will be covered 75% by the district and 25% by each school.

**Abilities Program:** Mr. Hodson

The teachers were okay with the idea as long as it didn't mean any extra work for them. We will have a day for this in March?

**Teacher Collaboration:** Mr. Hodson

This will take place on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> after school. Kristen Lee, Jaime Ward, Candice Tice, and Hema Heimuli will be observing teacher collaboration and will rate them with a rubric provided by Mr. Hodson.

**School Neighborhood Community Meeting:** Mr. Hodson

The district holds community meetings in the spring to update parents on things that are happening within the district. In the past, these have not been well attended. This year, Mr. Hodson will be hosting ours with the help of a couple teachers. They will be discussing the new core and will have a Power Point presentation to show. This will be held sometime in March.

**SCC Elections:** Mr. Hodson

We will have 3 openings for the upcoming school year.

**Double Dosing:** Mr. Hodson

Teachers are finding that the kids who need the most help are not the ones attending. Some parents don't understand what is happening or why their child needs to stay after. Maybe if we had more parent involvement (phone calls, etc) this would help. Also, it would be best if the child were to stay after the whole week – one day is not enough to do much good. Teachers feel like another individual tutor would be better. The funding for this program came from stimulus money this year, but next year there won't be any. The district is deciding how to handle this for next year (possibly matching funds with the school).

**Items for PTA Newsletter:**

Spring Community Meeting to help parents understand new core (end of March)

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

Land Trust Budgeting – proposal due mid April (last year it was approx \$30,000)

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 4:33 pm.