

Highland Elementary School
Minutes of the School Community Council Meeting
Thursday, September 12, 2013

Present: Reed Hodson, Amber Gardiner, Rochelle Pinnock, Brittney Bills, Jaime Ward, Rachel Hoffman, Rachel Sollis, Michelle Ririe, Denise Neish, Pam Wilson

Call to Order: Amber called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

Public Comment: none

Introductions: Welcome to new members of the SCC.

By-Laws: Amber

- Amber will send copies of the updated by-laws out to everyone.
- We have to hold the SCC election at the same time every year for 4 years.
 - As of now, we will have to hold ours in the fall for 3 more years.
 - Only 30 people voted this year.
 - Will look into options for online voting.
 - It must be a secret ballot with a secure box.
- Term limits are gone.
- Elections no longer need to take place over 3 days.
- If we can't figure out other options (i.e. online), we would like to do voting at Back to School Night to get a better voting turnout.
- We will be voting on by-laws next time. If there are objections, come with them and reasons to back them up.

Election of Officers:

- Some schools have chairs voted in for two years instead of one. Everyone agrees to add that to the by-laws.
- Secretary: Jaime
- Public Relations: Michelle

School Update: Mr. Hodson

- We got our iPads and cart and some Kindles for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades through a reading grant.
- We got FTE approval to hire new teachers:
 - There are now 4 sessions of kindergarten.
 - Four in 1st and 2nd grades, as well.
- It is a goal of the school board to get class sizes down
- The Hawk Walk is on September 20.

Land Trust Budget: Mr. Hodson

- We get an increase of about \$13,000 from last year.
- We have been allocated 48,239.
- \$25,000 has already been used for iPads/cart
 - Would like to get another one for next year (using Hawk Walk \$ for cart and Land Trust \$ for iPads)
- Typically allocate \$4,000 for subs, etc.
- \$15,000 for aides, benefits
- Have put a little in (about \$1K) for Contracted Services – Teachers (trainings, etc.)
- We don't typically allocate \$\$ for travel or mileage (that comes from other sources like the Hawk Walk)
- Supplies is around \$3K (printing, Scholastic Readers, etc.)

View SCC training videos:

- For those not here or who have to leave early, these can be viewed at schoollandtrust.org.

Meeting Ended at 4:55 p.m.