

Minutes from School Community Council Meeting Nov. 7, 2016 2:30-3:00

Miss Miller discussed Trust Lands funds with the SCC.

She also answered questions about the Bond but reminded them it was their prerogative to vote as they wished.

Data Review:

Mount Mahogany is rated a "B" School as we have been making significant progress. We hope to maintain our "B" status, but would love to be an "A" rated school.

Miss Miller discussed some of the goals the SCC and school has.

- 1) We would like to help students who are entering Kindergarten. 35% are ready for kindergarten. We have OEK. These students are making progress. It was suggested perhaps some type of Star Summer School for Kindergarteners could be developed before Kinders start Kindergarten. Not sure how this would be done—but would like to investigate.

LaDawn wondered how students would be identified to be in the Kindergarten Star Reading program if one is created. Miss Miller said there were many ideas. However, Kindergarten teachers would have input of when to assess entering kindergarten students.

SCC members questioned why our Kinders are not prepared. Two SCC members suggested it was because parents might be unsure of what students need to know before entering kindergarten. It was also suggested that perhaps some Kinders do not have preschool experiences.

- 2) Another area of concern is to improve the Language Arts Scores of students by 7% growth. 5th grade piloted Wonders reading program last year and had substantial growth. This year all teachers are doing so. Holly Thunnel said she really likes the phonics program. It seems to be helping in the class she is aiding in.

(Math is another area of concern. Right now our focus is mainly on Language Arts. (Trust Lands states this should be included.) However, math may be focused on more in the future.

We are using Trust Land Funds for:

- 1 Technology (iPads and cart)
- 2 Aides to help monitor students
- 3 Professional development for grades k-2. Would also like some PD for upper grades. The SCC moved to support the use of extra Trust Lands money for the upper grades Professional Development. (Roughly 5-6 classes)

Reviewed other concerns besides Kindergarten Readiness. (6th grade Language Arts and 4th grade Language Arts are being focused on.)