

School Community Council Mid-Year Summary Report 2012

There are currently 14 voting members of the Northridge SCC. This council is made up of Principle Philipp, 3 teachers, and 11 parents. Also attending our meeting is a District Community Council representative and our PTA president (who is also a voting member).

In August, Orem city painted the new crosswalk on 50 East to correspond with our crosswalk that runs straight out of the school. The SCC members have been trying to get this changed for several years, feeling that it was safer for the children. The parking lot was painted and the SCC and PTA provided volunteers for the first two weeks of school to help with the parking lot as well as get children used to using the new crosswalk.

We had great success last year in sending a team of teachers to the Mike Mattos conference in San Diego, that we decided to send more teachers to another conference. After further research, we found the same conference in Salt Lake. The only down side was that this conference was not taught by Mike Mattos, but rather his co-author, Austin Buffum. We as a committee decided that we wanted to send more teachers to Salt Lake than fewer to San Diego. We registered nine teachers and Mrs. Philipp to attend in April. We feel that this will help each of our teams fine tune flex time, which was up and running soon after school started.

The safety committee has been keeping up on the canal construction that has been going on. There is a bridge that goes over the canal that was to be torn down some time in the winter. This bridge is used by many students to get to school. We have been making continued contact with the company to get up to date information to keep our parents informed and the company built a temporary bridge for the children so they didn't have to take another less safe route. This has also affected some of the streets that parents drive to school on.

At our October meeting, new members were appointed into the SCC and the sub committees were formed covering Safety, Literacy, Math and Professional Development.

Mrs. Philipp shared results from student testing completed in May 2011. In all areas the students improved with the exception of the students with disabilities. We asked our resource teacher, Carolyn Cain, to come to a meeting and talk to us about what would best help these students so that we can help them. The greatest need may be a couple more i-Pads in the classroom. The students seem to respond to them and are able to understand concepts better with the different applications. We are going to discuss further. There was also a concern brought up about those students that excel in academics and how we can help them to excel even further. We are further discussing how we can help them.

We are keeping in contact with our teachers to see if we can help them with any of their equipment in their classrooms that break down or need updated.

The SCC loves the STAR reading program and agreed that we need to keep that in our SIP. The test scores show that there is great improvement in Language arts. We have many volunteers, but there is a need for more. We have discussed possibly getting teacher aides to help with math in the core classes.

After many years of Rainbow mobilization program, it was decided not to do it this year. It took a lot of time and work, and it isn't required as per School Lands Trust website. We also decided that if parents

were to need to come to the school to pick up their child(ren), they would know what teacher their child had than try to remember to bring their cards to the school.

The SCC meetings at Northridge are held every second Tuesday at 1:00 pm and are open to the public. Over the next several months we will further discuss our school improvement and trust land expenditure plans for the next year and several of the board members will participate in an evaluation of the teacher presentations regarding how collaboration and Flex are helping drive student achievement.

We welcome any questions or concerns you may have and invite you to attend our monthly meetings. If you are interested in doing so, please see our school website for contact information.